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S^{r}

My long ſilence has been occaſioned by variety of buſines & abſence from London & by marriing to ſupply the loſſe I had of a very good wife in N. Eng^{d} I am now to trouble you in this, with what would have been the ſubject of many. Since my laſt I wrote upon my return from Holland. Incloſed is a paper which purſuant to your thoughts I prepared & addreſſed to ſeverall of ye Lords of ye Councill. & attended my Lord Keeper Ld P. Seale Ld Clarendon & divers others of their Lordſ^{hps} but I find them inclining to forbeare to referr the ſucceſſe of all to the Gov^{rs} manage. I have with the aſſiſtance of my worthy freind Mr Blathwayt ſum̄d up my whole adventures & charges in my N. Eng^{d} expedition in a Narrative which about 10 dayes ago I preſented to the Lords

of

of ye Committee- (an abſtract whereof I alſo incloſe) their Lordſ^ps reviewed it with a great ſenſe of my paines. & the next Councill day reported to his Matie who was pleaſed to give me a favourable recommendation to ye Treaſury: I dayly expect the iſſue & hope it will paſſe there. in regard I have not putt down halfe what I have expended. loſt. & might very reaſonably charge in ſo great & tedious an undertaking. I make very little haſt to take out my Commiſſion for Secretary fearing after my charge, the profitable part will be managed by ye Gov^rs Secry: beſides I foreſee that I am like to be very uneaſy: for by letters lately received from my freinds in Boſton I am adviſed that all the miſcheifes which are expected to befall them are all laid to my charge & what will not a diſcontented people endeavour to bring upon a perſon who has little or no countenance from ye Govr who to gratifye a freind may be induced to ſide with my enemies: I heare the Boſtoners have drawn up an addreſſe to his Mat^ie & ſent it to their Soliciter Mr Humphreyes to preſent, but he has done nothing in it. they expreſſe great Duty. would perſwade his Mat^ie they have been all along miſrepreſented. deſire to know ye cauſe & pray tyme to give his Matie ſatisfaction. which they queſtion not but to do to their great advantage. Some tyme ſince I putt in the names of very honeſt & the beſt men of eſtates in Boſton Colony. to be of ye Councill. I heare they are recommended to the Govr who may either admitt or refuſe them according to his own pleaſure. I know none of them will come to heare divine ſervice. which may be a ſufficient ground to ſett them aſide: & I know not but that he will chuſe in his officers & ſuch Gent who go over in hopes of making their fortunes.

fortunes. in to places of truſt & creditt & then you may expect to heare of diſturbance or that the men of eſtates will want the place. I diſcourſe this as his opinion upon the Caſe of ye Corporation of Colcheſter: who differing & articling againſt ſome perſons lately putt in ye Magiſtracy: upon a hearing laſt Councill Day: it did appeare that as well the complainants as ye defend^ts^ were equally guilty of Countenancing Conventicles upon which Coll Kerk ſaid twould never be well till that town was governed by military men: That matter was referd to ye D. of Albemarl to compoſe & all were continued in their places. except their Town Clerk: & twas neccefary it ſhould be ſo. in regard that whole town filld with factious people.

Complaints are ſtill increaſed from N. Hampſheire of the moſt arbitrary nature that I have heard of, their Govr pretending to be very zealous to preſerve that his Matie Gom^t^: has impriſoned ſome who mett together to execute the will of the deceaſed & to diſpoſe of a conſiderable eſtate. but Mr Cranfeild charged them with conſpiring ag^t^ ye Gom^t^ & impriſoned them becauſe they would not purge themſelves by an oath which he tendred them: he has ruined M^r^ Maſon by getting him to ſettle upon him 150^lb^ a year to be paid out of the proffitts of his lands to ſupport the Gom^t^ upon which M^r^ Maſon has made over his province for yeares. & unleſſe Mr Cranfeild acquitting the place releive M^r^ Maſon. I know not but in tyme this charge may ſwallow up M^r^ Maſons whole expectations: he writes me. that he has relieved himſelf from all publick buſines: & the little trade of vending boards from ye Saw mills in Paſcataqua River is clog'd with a duty of 1^s^ p 1000 ffoot of Boards. & ſome he forces to pay

pay 2ˢ yᵉ thouſand foot: which now keepes out of that River ſmall Boates. which trade only in Boards. as his other exactions has quite deſtroyed that trade here which was carried on by ſhipps & veſſells of good Burthen: I heare hee intends to make uſe of the benefitt of yᵉ Order of Councill which permitts him to take care of his health, & removes to Barbados:

There are ſeverall miners arrived in N. Engᵈ who have undertaken yᵉ lead mines & will make great benefitt of them: but how long they will be allowed without good conſideration to yᵉ Govʳ is a great queſtion: private perſons, who have a long tyme been endeavouring to gain their rights in Road Iſland & Connecticutt Colony: ſend over freſh complaints againſt thoſe Gomᵗˢ who ſtill hinder juſtice to be done them: Mʳ Smith of yᵉ Narraganſett Country has greatly ſufferd in his eſtate by yᵉ Road Iſlanders: Mʳ Blathwayt is of opinion they will ſurrender their charter upon his Maᵗⁱᵉ letter to them.

Sʳ you have heard of yᵉ difference betwixt my Lᵈ Baltamore & Mʳ Penn about Boundaryes: they have been for ſome tyme here & attended the Lords with their Councill: but yet no hearing. I have been told his Maᵗᵉ will revoake their patents & allow no more ſuch independent Gomᵗˢ Mʳ Chriſtopher Rouſby Collector of his Maᵗⁱᵉˢ Dutyes in Maryland has ſome tyme ſince charged my Lord Baltamore with a debt to his Maᵗ of 2500ˡᵇˢ Starl. for tobacco ſhipd off & not accounted for: & now ſince my Lords leaving Maryland this Rouſby was ſtabd' aboard the Quaker ketch then neer Maryland. by Collonell Talbott: the firſt man in the Councill there. Talbott is committed in Virginia. being carried theither

theither by Capt Allen command^{r} of that ketch: This buſines falls out unluckily for my Lord Baltamore who had ſett up this Talbott to confront & to diſturb Mr Penns people from planting in the lands under diſpute. which my Lord Baltamore called N. Ireland. & made Talbott Govr in cheiſe. who proceeded barbarouſly ag^{t} the Quakers & threatned to roote out ſuch Quaking ſciſmaticks: Its thought his Matie will appoint a Govr in Maryland in a little tyme. I could heartily wiſh I was as well recommended theither as I am to Boſton. I have nothing to object but the ill aire: which perhaps I may better diſpenſe with, than the worſe inclinations of bad men: who will not want opportunity to wrong me in eſtate & perſon: without Gods goodnes prevent them.

About 12 months ago the Comm^{rs} of ye Cuſtoms ſent one Dyre to Barbados Jamaica Leward Iſlands & ſo to N Eng^{d} to inſpect the Cuſtome houſe offices: he has been at Boſton for ſeverall months where his wife & family have been theſe 3 or 4 yeares. he is intended to ſettle there & to that end has taken up reports from Mr Cranfield & ſome other diſcontented perſons there that I have countenanced ye illegal trade in that Country: Its true: I have of late ſlackned my proſecutions: 1 becauſe I never could obtain a cauſe for his Ma^{t} in the Courts at Boſton altho upon very juſt grounds I made my ſeizures: & then I have never been allowed one penny towards all the charges & expences I have been at in proſecuting ſo that I was tyred out with tedious journeyes & no profitt which could not be expected ſhould be otherwiſe till the Gom^{t} was altred' & new lawes made there to prevent that trade complained of.

Complaints

Complaints have been made ag^{t} Genl Kerk by the ſouldiers who pretend they are not paid their full for their ſervices at Tangeir: it has been before ye K & Councill. I know not how ended.

S^{r} I intreat you to pardon me for not paying my duty ſo often as I ought by giving an account of our N. Eng^{d} proceedings to which you were pleaſed to lay ye foundation. This day by letters from Govr Bradſtreet I find they expect judgm^{t} ag^{t} their Charter yet are ſo weake as to beleive that his Matie will give them a pardon, & continue their Gom^{t} to them with large powers: I heare not one word from M^{r} Maſon nor Mr Chamberlain Mr Trant & Mr Bridges putt out & Sr Phillip Ffloid & Mr Toll' put in a new Commiſſion for ye Herth money I return my hearty thankes for all your favors: preſenting my humble ſervice to Mr Southwell & to the young Ladyes in your family I remain S^{r}

your moſt humble & moſt obedient ſerv^{t}

E. RANDOLPH.

[Encloſed in the Letter to Sir Robert Southwell.]

1675 Abſtract of Mr Randolph Caſe, as it is more at large ſett forth in his petition to the Lords of the Committee for trade.

20 March Mr Randolph carried his Mat^{s} Letter to N. England requiring the Maſſachuſetts to anſwere Complaints brought againſt them.

1676 10 June He arrived at Boſton.

10 Septem^{r} At his Returne he preſented their Lordſ^{ps} with a Narrative of the State of their Countrey and Govm^{t} and

and Exhibited Articles of high Miſdemeanour againſt the Maſſachuſetts.

Decemr Agents arrive from N. England to make their defence 2 years after it appears they had uſurped the Govmt of New Hampſheir, and beene otherwiſe Criminall to his Matie

1679 Septmr He goes to New England by way of New York and carrys over his Mats Commiſſion to Paſcataqua.

30 Decmbr: Settles his Mats Govmt in New Hampſheir.

Looſes at Sea all his goods and houſehold ſtuffe with his Mats Picture and Armes ſent to New Hampſheir.

25 Janry. Returns to Boſton ſeizs their ſhips trading illegally is oppoſed in his tryalls brought by him for his Maties in their Courts and put to great expence and arreſted for damages given againſt his Matie

1680 March No obedience being given to his Maties lawes or directions by him, he returns to England and obtains larger powers

1681 May 3. The Lords of the Committee Reports an addition of 100lb a yeare to his Sallary for his good ſervice.

17 Decemr. He arrives againe in New England with his Maties Commiſſn under the Great Seal is ſtill oppoſed and put to great charges.

1681 March A Law is revived in order to try him for his life for acting by his Mats Commiſſion before it was allowed of by their Govmt:

His Maties Commiſſion not allowed to be read openly in the Court of Boſton.

His Deputy impriſoned for aſſiſting in ſeizing for his Matie

The

1682 Septmr 20 The Boſton Agents then in England ordred to procure larger powers.

Decemr He received orders from the Lords to returne to England to proſecute a Quo Warranto againſt the Boſton Chartr

1683 He arrives in England

13 June He is orderd to attend Mr Atturny Genll with proofes agst the Boſton Charter

20 July Orderd to carry a Quo Warranto to Boſton

17 October. He arrives in Boſton ſerves the Quo Warranto and publiſhes his Mats Declaration.

14 Decemr Ships himſelfe againe for England.

Has a daingerous Voiage his ſhip ſides carryed all awaye in a ſtorme looſes all his goods his cheſt being waſh'd overboard brought to very ſhort allowance for three weeks.

14 Ffebrūry Hee arrives in Plymouth is command' to attend and proſecute the Boſton Charter.

1684 23 Octobr Judgement Enterd up for his Matie againſt their Charter upon the whole matter

Mr Randolph 9 years in his Mats ſervice

Loſt at ſea and expended in that time 471lb not yet repaid him

Prayes their Lordpe to renew their report to his Matie for an addition of ſalary.

Prayes alſo to be paid the ſume of 471lb expended by him to ſattisfie a debt of 250lb and to enable him to attend his Maties further ſervice in New England.

All which is humbly etc.

Part

Part of ye reference.[1]

his Matie being very well ſatisfied with ye Petn^rs good ſervices & graciouſly inclined to grant his requeſt was pleaſed to order that his caſe be & it is hereby recommended to ye R. Honble the L^ds Comm^rs of his Ma^ts Treaſury to give ſuch order therein for ye Petn^rs releiſe as their Lord^ps ſhall think reaſonable with conſideration to ye Petn^rs meritts & ſufferings.

[*Endorſed*] Mr Randolph's caſe preſented to ye Lords of ye Treaſury 29th inſtant. [December 1684].

Proposals of James Hodson relative to the Coal Trade of England.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. LXI. p. 285 [1684-5].

[In the handwriting of Edward Randolph.]

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble propoſalls of James Hodſon Engliſh Merc^t in Rotterdam Relating to the Cole Trade of England.

May it pleaſe your Maj^tie

Having lived in ye Port of Rotterdam divers yeares I have made it my cheiſe buſineſs to inſpect the Commerce & Trade of Coles imported from Nev Caſtle upon Tine & Sunderland, and alſo from your Maties Kingdome of Scotland into the ſaid Port of Rotterdam and do humbly repreſent

1. That in the yeare 1675 & 1676 there were imported from

[1] According to a note ſent to the editor by Mr. Fenwick, who copied all the Randolph letters in the *Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.*, "the above abſtract is not in Randolph's autograph only the portion beginning, 'Part of ye reference.'"

from Newcaſtle & Sunderland into Rotterdam 18000 Hood or Chaldron of Coles London meaſure and at the tyme about 8000 Hood or Chaldron of Coles from Scotland was brought to Rotterdam.

2. That ye yeares 1683 & 1684 were imported to Rotterdam from Scot^d^ about 14000 chaldron and at that tyme not aboue 12000 chaldron from England as appeares by the Bookes of Exciſe in Rotterdam, from whence it may be obtained that in 7 yeares tyme the Engliſh Trade for Coles is decayed one full third and ye trade of Scotch coles proportionally encreaſed by which meanes 1: that y^r^ Maties Revennue upon coles exported is greatly impaired 2: that the cole Trade being the nurſery of Seamen wilbe deſtroyed 3: that the Scotch will be maſters of ye whole Trade & Sole Importers of Cole to Rotterdam & other parts beyond the Seas hauing of late found out their pitts of Cole which in all reſpects anſwear the ends & uſes of New caſtle cole and whereas the Engliſh pay 8^d^ per chaldron for every Chaldron of cole exported from New Caſtle & Sunderland etc, the Scotchmen pay but ſix pence per chaldron for every Chaldron. exported from your Maties kingdome of Scotland by which great diſproportion in the dutyes impoſed upon coles they can underſell your Maties Engliſh ſubjects trading in coles in all places beyond ſeas ffor prevention whereof for the future I humbly propoſe that henceforth your Matie be pleaſed by law to lay a Greater Duty upon all coles exported the kingdome of Scotland, whereby there may be a juſt Ballance between your Maties Engliſh & Scotch ſubjects in that trade which being carefully looked after will effectually attaine the end, And whereas tis uſually objected That the Export of Coles

Coles from New Caſtle & Sunderland is as great now as it hath been for theſe 7 or 8 yeares laſt paſt I anſwear tis very probable but it muſt be conſidred That ſince the ffrench king has had ſo great occaſion for coles to make his workes & fortifications at Dunkerk there has been a great trade of coles to that town which has cauſed the late conſumption of coles, but as soon as thoſe works are perfected twill then too late appeare that the Scotch have eat the Engliſh out of that Trade & will inevitably ruine the whole Export of Coles from Eng^d

Now if it be likewiſe conſidered that every farthing paid by forainers is ſo much clere gaine to England, Then the higher price coles are ſold at abroad, the more advantage to your Maties Revennew & to the poor Labourers who by reaſon of the low Rates for coles are brought to great neceſſitytyes. But now the Scotchmen paying little duty for coles will underſell your Maj^ties ſubjects ſo that the price in generall is to the advantage of fforainers Butt your Maties Revennew is thereby decreaſed, Engliſh ſhipping diſcouraged & Seamen decay, to which likewiſe as another great cauſe of the Ruine of Trade at home I humbly add the permitting ſo many ffly boats, ffin ſcootes & other forain bottoms (which need little or no Ballaſt & are ſayled with a very few hands) to uſe the home cole Trade: which if diſcouraged (beſides the many hundred Carpenters who would be imployed in building ſhipps for the trade of Newcaſtle) would encreaſe your Maties cuſtomes.

1. Every ſhip built in England ſpends plankes Ship tymber which increaſes the wood farm

2: Iron. 3: Cordage, all which pay your Matie a duty and

and muſt be provided for all ſhips built at home: whereas fforain built ſhips are fitted abroad with all ſuch neceſſaryes before they are ſayled into Eng^{d}.

ffurther a fforain built ffly boat etc. of 400 tun requires but 14 men to ſayle her wheras Engliſh built ſhips which carry ye like Burthen are not ſayled with fewer then 36 men: which if not conſidered will by ye increaſe of forain built ſhips lay up our Engliſh Shipping by ye walls & be deſtructive to your Ma^{ty} nurſery of ſeamen, ſo that in tyme of Warr your Ma^{ty} will want able men to ſerve in your ffleet. All which is humbly ſubmitted.

Mr. Edward Randolph to Mr. Joseph Dudley.

Collection of Papers, by Thomas Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 283.

9 January 1684–5.

[Whitehall]

Sir,

I have yours of Sept. 10th by me and am now to give you the news of your charter being vacated by judgment, for non-appearance. His Majeſtie has choſen Coll. Kerke, late governor of Tangier, to be your governor. He is a gentleman of very good reſolution and I believe, will not faile in any part of his duty to his Majeſty nor be wanting to doe all good offices for your diſtracted colony, if, at laſt, they will hear what is reaſon and be governed. Here was ſent over a moſt ſcandilous paper, preached, as tis ſaid, by Mr. Moody and Mr. Mather; the Duke of Yorke hath a copy of it, and others have coppies alſo; twill doe your country great prejudice and put jealouſies into the minde of the councel here, as if the collony would not abide by the judgment againſt their

their charter, but ſtand up to defend their liberties. My buſineſs has been and ſhall be to ward off as much as I can. And if, by the iniquity and folly of your miniſters and mageſtrates, you faile of what was expected, the whole blame will reſt upon themſelves. The King ſent me over to Holland, to inquire after irregular traders; 3 or 4 had been there, and they were gone before my coming. I returned back a fortnight after judgment was given and would have been glad to have ſeen Sir Edmund Andrews in England, who is yet in Guernſey. I queſtion not but you will have reports, as if a great fleet of ſhips, with regements of horſe and foott, are coming againſt you, but I know of no ſuch thing, only, I believe a frigott or two will attend the governor, who is leftenant of one of his Majeſties regiments of guards and one of the bed chamber. I remember what you adviſe, that the government be, in the firſt place, tranſpoſed and committed to the care of fitting perſons upon the place to prepare and accommodate affairs againſt the artrval [arrival?] of the governor. I am not wanting to preſs for liberty of conſcience and confirmation of all your rights and poſſeſſions, and have nominated, according to what was agreed betwixt you and myſelfe, perſons for the councill, and diſſwade all I can from raiſing any rates upon the people to ſupport government, more than what has been uſual with you. The King has been pleaſed to make me ſecretary and regiſter of new-England. I have nominated you for the King's receiver-generall of all new-England, which will be a place of profit. I had other things to propoſe on your behalfe, but that muſt attend a farther opportunitie. Reſpects to the governor and his lady, madam Taylor, Mr. Stoughton,

Stoughton, Mr. Bulkeley, Mr. Page and his lady, and all friends. Its yet very uncertain whether proceſſe will iſſue out againſt Rhode Iſland and Connecticut collony to bring in both them before the governour come over, or to do that afterward in caſe they refuſe to ſubmit to a general governour, as yet nothing has been diſcovered of it. A committee of Lords but [for?] Saturday next is appointed for that buſines. Dr. Cox is well and ſo is Mr. Boyl and all your friends, amongſt whom I deſire to be recorded, becauſe I am Sir,

Your faithful friend,

and engaged Servant &c.

9th. 11. 84. W. H.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Sr Whitehall: Ffeb. 16, 1684

This morning I received yours of ye 12th & am heartily glad to heare of your coming to town: in the meane tyme I take leave to entertain you at your lodgings with the following account. his Matie has putt away Mrs Sidley [Sedley] formerly a favourite & will diſcountenance the late immorality in Court & Country. Yeſterday his Matie was at ye Queenes Chappell in her lodgings in Whitehall: for ye King dos not leave his former appartm^t^ in Whitehall till ye Q. Dowager is removed to Summerſett houſe which will be about 3 weekes made ready: This morning his Mat^ie^ about 11 or after went to that Chappell ye doores wide open & all who would preſent. ye Princeſſe Ann is conſtant at ye Chappell & yeſterday all the noblemen were there early

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& heard y^e^ ſermon: This morning her Highnes was at Chappell & will be very conſtant. the Ld Churchill gone this morning to Ffrance. My Lord Rocheſter made Ld Treaſurer: & had ye white ſtaffe. His Mat^ie^ was buried at Weſtminſter Saterday about 10 at night & ye next morning new ſtaves were given to ye former Ld Chamberlain. Ld Nuport & Ld Maynard, & Ld Godolphin made Chamberlain to ye Queen: A par^t^ to ſitt ye 19th of May & this afternoon ye Heralds at ye Committee at Councill chamber were attending to inform & receive directions in order to ye Coronation which is thought will be about ye 23 of Aprill: Its ſaid ye D. of Ormond is coming for Eng^d^ your letter from his Grace now at ye Plantation office will better inform you: at your arrivall which that it may be ſafe & proſperous to you is the ſincere prayer of S^r^

your moſt obliged & moſt dutyfull ſerv^t^

ED. RANDOLPH

Sir Jō Ernle is continued Chancellour.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
To be left for him at the Beare in Redding
Redding
Barkſheire.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO DR LLOYD BISHOP OF S^T^ ASAPH.

New England Hiſtorical Genealogical Regiſter, Vol. XXXVII. p. 268.

Whitehall March 1685.

My Lord

In obedience to your Lordſ^ps^ deſires I incloſe abſtracts of letters I lately received from the cheife of late magiſtrates in Boſton,

Boſton, they are all of good eſtates at home & of known creditt at Court, by which you may eaſily ſee the unhappy condition that countrey are now brought into by the obſtinate reſolutions of ſome few zealous perſons who have (by the artifice of 5 or 6 of their independent miniſters) lately gott the ſole management of their Government turning out Mr Stoughton, Dudley & Bulkley (mentioned in Mr Wharton's letter) for perſuading ye people to ſubmitt to his Majties Declaration &c, and they moſt juſtly deſerve to be diſcountenanced & made uncapable of ever engaging in any publick buſineſs; being ſo like our late Sequeſtrators in zeale & ignorance, that nothing but the tyme & place makes the difference. Theſe have been ſo vilye arbitrary in abuſing the Inhabitants that the worſt of the ffrench Peſants have in compariſon lived eaſily. And my Lord, the preſent ſtate of that Country is in moſt circumſtances very like that of England at the tyme of his late Majeſties happy reſtauration: and I can confidently aver, That the moſt & beſt part of the Inhabitants groaning under above 30 years oppreſſion will as much rejoice upon ye hopes of liberty as wee did here. But in regard of the late Indian Warr & 3 great fires in Boſton by which New England has (ſince my firſt going over) loſt over 150.000 £ & with the decay of their trade ffirrs & ffiſhing occaſioned by the ffrench in our Neighbourhood, they are generally miſerably poor. So that whoever goes over Governor with expectation to make his ffortunes; will diſ-ſerve his Majeſty, diſappoint himſelfe and utterly ruine that Country. My Lord, this I ſpeak upon my own knowledge and offer it the rather becauſe 'Tis the intereſt of the Crowne to keep up thoſe inhabitants after they have

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ſubmitted to his Majeſties regulation, for they are a Great body of people, ſober & induſtrious & in tyme of Warr able to drive the french out of all their American dominions and be a Good defence & releefe to all his Majeſties forain Plantations. There is one thing has fallen out lately amongſt them very unluckily for his Maj^ties^ ſervice which is the ſending over Cranfeild to be Governor of the Province of New Hampſhire, who by his arbitrary proceedings has so harraſſed that poor people, That although they have cauſe to complain of the hard uſage of the Boſton Governor (under whom they lately were) and pray'd his Majeſty to take them from that yoak, yett they have greater reaſon now to pray an alteration & wiſh again to be under the Boſtoners, for Mr Cranfeild has quite ruined that place & his open immorality as well in Boſton where he hired a houſe & told them he had aſſurance of that Gov^t^ upon the vacating their Charter; has rendred his Maj^ties^ Govern^t^ very contemptible & was one great reaſon why the Boſtoners did not ſubmitt upon my laſt going over, and ſhould a Govr go over who will tread in Mr Cranfeild's ſteps or do worſe things, if poſſible, It will cool the inclinations of good men and make them take the firſt occaſion to free themſelves, beſides 'twill above all greatly reflect upon our church to have men of ill principle & debauch'd lives appeare as the promoters of that religion, they ſo much diſhonour in their Converſation. I am well aſſured that they will eaſily upon Grant of a Generall Pardon, liberty of Conſcience & Confirmation of Propertyes be ready to ſubſcribe to any Condition his Majeſty ſhall bee pleaſed to propoſe and a prudent ſober Gent^n^ ſent their Govr will be very acceptable to the people, which is the only

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way to preſerve them from Ruine. I intreat your Lordſh^p^ to pardon my haſty lines & to give me leave to ſay that I am in all duty y^r^ Lord^s^p^s^ moſt obedient & moſt humble ſerv^t^

ED. RANDOLPH.

P. S. My Lord I yeſterday gave my Lord Clarendon an abſtract of the letters with one originall which I had not tyme to tranſcribe. I hope when his Majeſty is made ſenſible that there is more need of a prudent man to reconcile, then of a hott, heady paſſionate Souldier to force; that the Gent^n^ under preſent thoughts may be deſigned for a Service more proper for his qualifications. I would be glad I might have liberty to inform his Majeſty the truth & preſent ſtate of his ſubjects in N. Eng^d^. My Lord the ſooner y^r^ Lordſhip pleaſes to communicate the incloſed to ye Lordſ^p^ your Lordſhip mentioned, the better. Its great pitty & lookes like injuſtice that a great Country of good ſubjects ſhould not have ſome tyme of tryall before they are all at once Condemned to the paſſion & avarice of an unreaſonable man.

COURT OF JUDICATURE WANTED IN NEW ENGL^D^

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 108, p. 140.

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Tueſday the 5th of May 1685.

Preſent: Lord Keeper, Lord Preſident, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Sunderland, Earl of Craven.

New England. Mr Randolph's Representation.

The Repreſentation of Edward Randolph read, ſetting forth that, in regard there is noe indifferent Court

That an Indifferent Court to try Causes between ye Colonies is wanted.

Court of Judicature in New England where Caufes between a Privat perfon and a whole Colony or betwixt the Magiftrats and Inhabitants can bee tryed, for want whereof many poor people, vnable to vndergoe the charge of a Voyage to England, are vndone; many of whofe petitions are annexed praying His Ma$^{ty's}$ Governor may bee impowred to erect Courts as occafion may require. Whereupon their Lo^{ps} taking notice that the Colonies

Mr Randolph to prepare a paper of Particulars for a Quo Warranto.

againft which the Complaints are made are by His Ma$^{ty's}$ Charters exempt from any other Jurifdiction except by Appeals to His Ma^{ty}, Order Mr Randolph to prepare a paper containing all fuch particulars vpon which a Quo Warranto may bee grounded againft their Charters.

Edward Randolph to Sir Robert Southwell.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Plantation Office May 9. 85

Hon^{d} Sir,

Thefe two dayes have been moftly taken up with the tryall of Titus Oates: yefterday was feverall great Lords as Ld Treafurer Ld Privye Seale & others as Affeffores: and many upon a Summons & twelve pence left at their houfes appeared for him my Lord Keeper had fuch a fummons left for his Lordf^{p} but hee did not appeare. the great matter he infifted upon: in the evidence of thefe Lords was: to inform ye Court & Jury in reputation his evidence was. & how far he was. credited. no man fo much as queftioning the truth of his papers: the E. of Huntington being afked that queftion

tion told the Court That he at that tyme had a great confidence in his teſtimony: but conſidering circumſtances better ſince he was cleere of another beleive & did openly aſke God & the world forgivenes for his great miſtake. much like this did ſeverall of the Lords diſcourſe. the Cheife matter proved againſt him was: that at the tyme he ſwore hee was in Eng^d in ſome of the conſults twas ſworn by above 20 perſons that hee was in St Omers: & this not onely upon bare oathes but by ſuch concurrent & remarkable circumſtances as convinced all that he was forſworn & after 7 or 8 houres ſpent in the tryall which began about 10 & ended about 7 at night the jury found him guilty after they had been withdrawn not halfe an houre. he behaved himſelfe very ſaucily: & was heard with a great deal of patience: amongſt the evidence Ld Lovelace was called to come into Court. but came too late into ye Hall which his Lordſ^p excuſed to Oates at his return from Court aſſuring his ſorrow for his abſence which was occaſioned by the ſlownes of the meſſenger: however to comfort him, told him: that he beleived his evidence as true as ye Goſpell:

This day Oates appeared in ye hall about 9 the Court was not preſd with company as the day before this day they went upon Irelands being ſworn by Oates to be at a conſult at London when at the ſame tyme proofe by very ſober ſubſtantiall Gent̃ was made that he was at the very ſame tyme at my Lord Aſſons: by good circumſtances alſo. as one Gent. at the ſame tyme going to his mothers funerall in his way ſaw Ireland at my L^d Aſſons: & calling there at his return & found him which was but 14 houres difference in his going & return. So that Mr Ireland was to ride 250 miles

miles in that tyme to make Oates evidence true: Some other proofes were made about others of the preifts which ſuffred the jury found him guilty of perjury alſo. his ſentence will be given the end of ye Term. The maremaid frigott is commanded to cruiſe upon ye coaſt of Scotland. The Lord cheife Jeffreyes was made Baron of Wenn or Wemms: (a mannor which he has lately purchaſed about 2 dayes ago as I am told

I remain S^r^ yr humble ſerv^t^

E. RANDOLPH.

RANDOLPH'S PETITION AGAINST RHODE ISLAND & CONNECTICUT.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (245).

Pet^n^ of Mr Randolph Read 15 July 1685.

To the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee ffor Trade and fforreign Plantations.

May itt Pleaſe yor Lordſhips

In perſuance of yor Lordſhips Order of the fifth of May laſt directing me to prepare papers conteining all ſuch particul^rs^ then complained of, upon which Writts of Quo warranto might be granted againſt the Coloneys of Conecticott and Rhoad Iſland in New England, I haue accordingly drawne up Seuerall Articles of High Miſdemeanours (hereunto annexed) the proofes whereof I am ready to make out againſt thoſe Coloneys.

And to the intent no time may be loſt in proſecuting thoſe Articles to Effect which will otherwiſe much hinder the Settlement

tlement of New England: It's humbly prayd that writts of Quo warranto may be forthwith iſſued out againſt the Govern^ts & Companyes of thoſe Coloneys, That their Charters being vacated they alſoe may thereby be United under His maj^es Lawes and Government.

All which is Humbly Submitted by

EDRANDOLPH

Mr Randolphs Petition with Articles
ag^t Rhode Iſland and Conecticut.

[*Endorſed*] Randolphs Petion.
Read July 15th 1685.
With Articles ag^st Rhode Iſland & Conecticutt.

RANDOLPH'S REPRESENTATION READ.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 108, p. 163.

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Wedneſday the 15th of July 1685.

Preſent: Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Beaufort, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Sunderland, Earl of Craven, Lord B^p of London, Lord Godolphin, Lord Dartmouth.

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N: England. Mr Randolph's Representation with Articles ag^t the Colony of Rhode-Island.

. . The Repreſentation of Edward Randolph with ſeveral Articles of High Miſdemeanor againſt the Governor and Company of the Colony of Conecticut and againſt the Governor and Company of the Colony of Rhode Iſland, and Providence Plantation in New England read, viz.

1. That the Govr and Comp^a of Rhode Iſland raiſe money contrary to Law.

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2. That they make Laws contrary to the Laws of England.

3. That they refuſe to ſuffer the Laws of England to bee pleaded in their Courts.

4. They keep noe Authentick Records of their Laws.

5. They raze and Cancell their Laws without conſent of the Aſſembly.

6. That the Officers of Juſtice are vnder noe legal Oaths.

7. They Violate the Acts of Trade.

Conecticut. 1. That the Govr @ Comp^s of the Colony of Conecticut have made Laws contrary to the Laws of England.

2. That they impoſe ffines and convert them to their own vſe.

3. They inforce an Oath of Fidelity without Adminiſtring the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

4. They permit not the Exerciſe of the Religion of the Church of England.

5. The Inhabitants of other Colonys cannot obtain Juſtice in their Courts.

6. They exclude from the Government all Gentlemen of known Loyalty.

Whereupon their Lo^ps will likewiſe repreſent to His Ma^ty that the ſaid Articles bee referred to Mr Attorney General, with order forthwith to bring Writs of Quo Warranto againſt thoſe Corporations.[2]

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[2] *Political Annals of the United Colonies*. George Chalmers. 1780. p. 301. Under head of Connecticut to clauſe 3 are added the words "as in their charter is directed;" to clauſe 4 "arbitrarily fining thoſe who refuſe to come to their congregational aſſemblies;" to clauſe 6, "and keep it in the hands of the independant

Order in Council and Report for Quo Warrantos &c.

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 349.

At the Court at Whitehall ye 17 of July 1685.

By ye Kings moſt excellent Majeſty and ye Lords of his Ma^ts moſt hon^ble Privy Councill.

A Report from ye Right Hono^ble ye L^s of ye Com^tee for Trade & Foreign Plantations being this day read at the Board in ye Words following

May it pleaſe yor Majeſty

Wee have recceived from Edward Randolph Eſq: Surveyor of yor Ma^ts Cuſtoms in New England ſeveral articles of high miſdemeanors exhibited by him againſt ye Govr & Comp^a of ye Colony of Connecticut & againſt ye Govr & Comp^a of Rhode Iſland & Providence Plantation in N England upon conſideration

pendant party in the colony." Alſo printed by the ſide of *articles of high miſdemeanour* are *Proofs out of the law-book of that colony, printed at Cambridge, in New England*, 1673.

Ibid., p. 280. *Articles of high miſdemeanour exhibited to the lords of the committee of foreign plantations againſt the governor and company of the colony of Rhode-iſland and Providence.* From N. Eng. Ent. 2 vol. p. 245–6.

1. They raiſe great ſums of money upon the inhabitants of that colony and others, by fines, taxes, and arbitrary impriſonment, contrary to law, and deny appeals to his majeſty.

2. They make and execute laws contrary to the laws of England.

3. They deny his Majeſty's ſubjects the benefit of the laws of England, and will not ſuffer them to be pleaded in their courts.

4. They keep no authentic record of their laws, neither will they ſuffer the inhabitants to have copies of them.

5. They raze and cancel their laws as they pleaſe, without the conſent of the aſſembly.

6. Their governor, deputy-governor, aſſiſtants, and deputies, and other officers for the adminiſtration of juſtice, are under no legal oaths.

7. They violate the acts of trade, and have taken from Thomas Brindley, Eſq. his late Majeſty's commiſſion, appointing him and others to adminiſter an oath to the governor of that Colony, for his duly putting in execution the acts of trade and navigation; the governor of that colony not having taken the ſaid oath theſe three or four years laſt paſt, as is required in the ſaid act.

All which is humbly ſubmitted

EDWARD RANDOLPH

conſideration whereof wee are humbly of opinion that your Ma^{ty} be pleaſed to refer y^{e} ſaid articles to yor Attor^{y} Grâll. with order forthwith to bring Writs of Quo Warranto againſt thoſe Corporations.

Wee have alſo received a Lre from ye Mayor Aldermen & principall officers of ye Citty of New York dated ye 13th of May laſt ſetting forth that ſince yor Ma^{ty} hath been pleaſed to p^{r}mit Delaware & ye two Jerſeys to be ſeparated from ye Gov^{mt} of New York that City hath extreamly ſuffered by the loſs of at leaſt one third p^{t} of its Trade & hath ever ſince much decayed in the number of Inhabitants Rents & Buildings And that yor Ma^{tys} Revenue doth likewiſe ſuffer thereby whereupon wee likewiſe offer o^{r} opinions that yor Ma^{ts} Attorney Grãll. may have directions to conſider the ſeverall Grants & Proprietyes of Eaſt & Weſt New Jerſey & of Delaware aforemencõned & to enter ye like Writs of Quo Warranto againſt ye reſpective Proprietors if he ſhall finde cauſe it being of very great & growing prejudice to yor Ma^{ts} affaires in ye Plantacõn & to yor Cuſtoms here that ſuch independent Governments be kept up & maintained wthout a nearer & more Imediate Dependance on yor Ma^{ty}. All which is moſt humbly ſubmitted.

ROCHESTER HALIFAX. P.
CLARENDON. C. P. S. ORMOND.
BEAUFORT.

Council Chamber 15 July, 1685.

His Ma^{ty} being graciouſly pleaſed to approve of the ſame is pleaſed to order and direct that y^{e} ſaid Articles be & they are hereby referred to Sr R^{t} Sawyer Kn^{t} his Ma^{ts} Attor^{y}

 Generall

Generall who is forthwith to bring Writs of Quo Warranto againſt ye Govr & Comp^a^ of ye Colony of Connecticutt & againſt ye Govr & Comp^a^ of Rhode Iſland & Providence Plantacōn in New England. And it is further ordered that Mr Attorney Grāll do forthwith conſider of y^e^ ſeverall Grants & Proprietors of Eaſt and Weſt New Jerſey and of Delaware & enter ye like writts of Quo Warranto againſt ye reſpective Proprietors thereof if he ſhall find cauſe.

WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

July 30th 1685

S^r^

Little publick newes has offered ſince the empriſonm^t^ of the E. of Stamford Lord Delamere: but what Mr Yard illuminates us with his Gazetts: Its generally reported & well liked that the Earl of Ailſbury ſucceeds in the office of Ld Chamberlain of his Mat^ies^ Houſehold: and the E. of Ffeverſham hath the hon^r^ of the E. of Arlingtons Garter and the Catholicks magnifye themſelves in the report & beleife that his Lordſ^p^ dyed in the Communion of their Church: This day his Mat: with a great attendance and Mr Blathwayt went to Winſor: to ſee fitt ground for ye Army to encamp upon during his Maties ſtay here. Wheither he with the Queen go next Wedneſday to continue one month. The Lord Baltamore is under a great disfavour becauſe his Mat^ies^ Cuſtome officers have been ill treated ſince the murther committed upon one of ye principall of them by

Colt

Coll Talbott & 2 Orders of Councill ſucceſſively directed for a Quo Warr^to^ ag^t^ his Gom^t^ I have 5 Quo Warr^tos^ by me: againſt Connecticutt Road Iſland. the two Eaſt & Weſt New Jarſeyes & Delaware: I am in great expectation of orders to go to New Eng^d^ in a little tyme: with a commiſſion to ſettle a temporary Gom^t^: & alſo with a new commiſſion for my office of Collector in regard ſome ill perſons have broak open the office & taken away my former Commiſſion. as ye Govr of Boſton writes me.

Its ſaid that the New Chappell of St Georges Hall is preparing for ye followers of St Peter and that prayers & ſermons are to [be] preached in the Great Chappell to ye family as was uſed in the new Chappell: Sr Lionell Jenkin has had ſeverall Apoplectick ffitts & is expected to leave his offices at ye Commons very ſhortly. The project of ye New Duty upon Tobacco goes on but heavily as yet. for I heare not of any one who has taken up any of the ſweet ſented Tobacco: tho ſeverall hundred hogſ^hds^ are come in: & they pay cuſtome onely for y^e^ Sov which they immediately ſhip off to Holland upon 1 halfpenny in y^e^ pound duty onely ſo that tobacco is fallen 1$\frac{d}{4}$: in y^e^ pound in Holland: & I am told that tho' ſeverall great ſhipps from Virginia are arrived ſince the tyme of that Acts commencing. yet not above 4 or 5000^lb^ cuſtoms is paid for Tobacco: whereas by this tyme had there been no additionall duty upon that comodity his Mat^ie^ would have above 30000^lb^ for ye duty of tobacco: but becauſe this has ſome reflection on my Masters I have onely to ſay that I am S^r^

your moſt humble & moſt obedient ſervt

ED. RANDOLPH

My

My humble ſervice to the
young ladyes.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton neer
Briſtoll
Briſtoll

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillips, Bart.

Plantation Office Augt 1 85.
11 oclock

Sr

I am to give you an account from hence that ye Duke of Albemarl being under diſſatisfaction to be commanded by ſo many New but officers of Greater influence then his Grace has quitted the firſt troop of his Maties Gards, which is to be commanded by ye laſt Gartred Knight the E. of Ffeverſham: & his troop being the third in the Gards by ye Lord Churchill: the Dutches of Portſmouth has this day left the Court & is gone for Ffrance to ſtay till May next taking ye D. of Richmond with her. & 3 dayes before her ſervant Dr Tayler dyed: this day at a Committee of trade. ſeveral complaints were made agt Mr Coney Govr of Bermodos to that degree that Mr Blathwayt tells me hee will be called home and at the ſame tyme adviſed me to have your opinion wheither I might accept of the Gomt of that place which he queſtions not but his Matie would beſtow on me: upon the intreſt which at this juncture of tyme tis in your power to make for me by the happy conſtellation Badminton. where beſides my noble patron & great freind ye Lord Privye Seale,

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are the Great Dukes of Ormond & Beaufort to whom my ſervices to the Crown are well known & I queſtion not but upon occaſion will be remembred to his Mat^ie^ for my advantage. by both their Graces. I humbly intreat you at ſome tyme to diſcourſe my Lord Privye Seale on this matter without whoſe directions & conſent I ſhall not move one foot in this or any other affaire of this nature. S^r^ I am heartily ſo well inclined to New Eng^d^ that tho I have for 10 yeares tyme been mortified by their ill treatment & have now 2 writts of Quo warranto ag^t^ ye Colonyes of Connecticutt & Road Iſland. which makes me alike (if that his Mat^ies^ ſervice be a) obnoxious to the whole Plantation yett after all I am inclind to beleive, that I may live very happily there, for they will in tyme be convincd of their folly in contending with their prince. unleſſe they be condemnd to that miſery to have Coll. Kerk to be their Govr then tho' I go under the gard of his Maties favour & Protection aſſured me in his inſtructions yett heel' break thro all, and the harder he preſſes the people the heavier muſt be my taſke & the greater my perplexityes. ſo that I muſt expect betwixt Govr & people to be ground to powder: I could not at any tyme believe he would make a fitt Govr for thoſe people but now ſince the great carnage he has made. in ye Weſt, he will be much more arbitrary & oppreſſing. and I had rather have 100^lb^ a yeare in New Eng^d^ under a quiet prudent Govr then 500^lb^ if he were upon ye place. The troubles I mett there in 1681: broak my wives heart I prefer the quiett & ſatisfaction of my family before money which I have no hopes of expecting if he goes Governor: ſo that upon ſuch termes N. Eng^d^ will be no place for mee: then next to Bermodos beſides my

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own diſabilityes thoſe people have been very mutinous but where the true cauſe has been whether in their Gov^{rs} or themſelves I have not yet informed myſelf. The profitt not above 300^{lb} a yeare: the charg great: I have been told Sr John Heyden lived very meanely & had 500^{lb} a yeare beſides tis hazardous to keep. for ſhould I bring thoſe people to a quiet temper & the place come to be any way by their trade to be conſiderable, as N. York was to Sr Edmund Andros: how ſoon was he upon unluckey miſtakes unkindly laid aſide: ſo that I am now after 10 yeares toſſing about the world under ſuch uncertaintyes: that I can find no releiſe like application to yourſelfe from whom I have from ye firſt of my undertakings received ſafe & proſperous directions: I therefore with great confidence humbly intreat you to conſider my circumſtances & to engage my Lord Privye Seale one minute to contribute his directions: alſo if his Lordſ^{p} be of opinion that Govr Kerk be the man for N. Eng^{d} I cannot ſee how that can be a place for me. then Bermodos at firſt ſight ſeemes full of difficultyes: but nothing like living under a debauched Atheiſticall perſon who will doe his Ma^{t} in one yeare more diſſervice than 20 yeares indulgence can repaire. This I ſpeake from ye experience I have had of the people who will not be forcd & ſince the French King at this juncture is bidding faire for the Spaniſh Weſt Indies: he will not be wanting to engage the Indians on ye backſide of New Eng^{d} to make another incurſion, & then what by the oppoſition of an incroaching Govr on ye one hand & falſe neighbours on the other: that hopefull: & moſt neceſſary plantation to the Crown will in a few yeares be brought to utter ruine. S^{r} pardon this diſcourſe very unfitt

unfitt for a wedding entertainm^t yet in regard it has a reſpect to the publick. as well as to the benefitt of a privat freind: I know you will accept & aſſiſt him who is S^r your moſt humble ſerv^t ED RANDOLPH.

Be pleaſed to give my Lord Privy Seale mine & my wives humble duty: the feares of a winter voyage makes her a troubleſome ſutor to his Lordſ^p to gett me diſpatchd and as ſoon as may be: my humble ſervice to ye young Ladyes your daughters. And all joy & happines attend the noble ſolemnity.

[*With ſuperſcription.*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at the Duke of Beauforts
at Badminton
in Gloſterſheire

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Ld Sunderlands Office
Augt 3 85.

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Here is upon examination Burton a cheeſemonger of Wapping who was in the Proclamation & one of the Rye Conſpirators: as alſo a Conſtable of Wapping a barber who harboured him, & detected by ye Conſtables apprentice here is alſo Goodenough attending Its reported that Ffergufon is got over to Holland. This afternoon his Ma^t went to Hide Park to ſee the New Officers preſented to their charge in the Horſe Gards amongſt which was ye Ld Cornbury & Ld Newbury. I would be glad to know wheither my Lord Pr Seale'

Seale' come to the Cockpitt before he go to Winſor for I am to attend his Lordſ^p^ ſo ſoon as his L^d^ſ^p^ returnes: my humble ſervice to his Lordſ^p^ I am S^r^

your humble ſer^vt^

ED. RANDOLPH.

MR. RANDOLPH'S PROPOSALS ABOUT QUO WARRANTO.

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 351.

Auguſt 3. 1685

To the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Platations.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips: Purſuant to his Majeſty's order in Council, of the 17th of July laſt, to Mr. Attorney General, I have received three writs of Quo Warranto, iſſued out againſt the ſeveral proprietors of Eaſt and Weſt New Jerſeys and Delaware; and alſo two other writs of Quo Warranto, with ſummons from the Sheriffs of London, ordered to be brought againſt the Collonys of Connecticut and Rhode Iſland, in New England, which are returnable the next term.

Now to the intent the time limited for ſerving the writs upon the Governors and Companys of thoſe Collonys may not be lapſed by delays and the difficulties of a winter voyage, and his Majeſty's proſecutions thereby rendered ineffectual, as it was in ſerving the writ of Quo Warranto againſt the Boſton Charter:

It is humbly propoſed, that in three weeks time, at fartheſt, a ſhip is bound from London, directly to New England, by which

which (if your Lordſhips think fit), the Quo Warranto may be ſent and ſerved accordingly, to the end there may be no delays made in that affair.

All which is humbly ſubmitted.

Randolph's Proposals concerning 5 Writs of Quo Warranto.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 108, p. 173.

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Munday the 3d of Auguſt 1685.

Preſent: Lord Preſident, Earl of Ayleſbury, Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Craven.

New England. Mr Randolph's proposals.

A paper of Propoſals from Mr Randolph read ſetting forth that purſuant to an Order of Council of the 17th of July laſt hee had received 3 Writts of Quo Warranto againſt the Proprietors of Eaſt and Weſt New Jerſey and Delaware, and two others with Summons thereupon from the Sherif of London againſt the Colonys of Connecticut and Rhode Iſland which are returnable next Term, And therefore humbly propoſing that the ſaid Quo Warranto's may bee ſent to New England by a Ship wch is bound directly to thoſe parts. And Mr Randolph having offered to goe in perſon and ſerve them vpon the reſpective Corporations in New England, their Lops think fitt That His Maty's Directions bee received in this matter.

That the Quo Warranto agst Conecticut and Rhode Island bee dispatcht by ye next Ship.

The King's Directions to bee received.

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Augt 8 1685.

S^{r}

I am extreamely obliged to you for yours of ye 3 inſtant and the great care you have pleaſed therein to expreſſe your kindnes to me. I have this day mett my Ld P. Seale who has diſcourſd very largly upon y^{e} ſubject you propoſed on my behalfe and has aſſured, that I ſhall be taken care of wheither ye Govr goes or not. & wee want onely a Committee to give life to ye affaire: the Court being att Winſor makes this place very barren of newes. I have mett Major Thomſon who tells me many hundred of familyes are removing themſelves to the forain Plantations: a maſter bound now to Boſton is hired to call in at Pool & take in a freight of paſſengers. they are affreighted at their N. Govr & ſhould he paſſe the ſeas into forain parts wheither then will they remove. I hope all will end well. Mr Pipps has a report from ye Comm^{rs} of ye Navye who exceedingly like my propoſall & deſire 40 trees to be provided in N. Eng^{d} for a preſent ſupply I give you my humble thanks for all your bleſſings & remain S^{r}

My humble ſervice to ye young Ladyes.

your moſt humble & moſt obedient ſerv^{t}

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton neer
Briſtoll

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Augt 17th 1685

S^r

I give you my hearty thankes for ye favour of yours of ye 8th instant: which I ſhould ſooner have anſweared but have been taken up with preparations for ye Lords who ſitt tomorrow & then I expect a full anſwear how & when I ſhall go for N. E. otherwiſe the winter will prevent my voyage. I heare little of Coll Kirk. & many are of opinion that he will not go Govr to that place. I was yeſterday in cloſe waite upon my Ld P. Seale at Winſor in hopes to have my papers about a temporary Gom^t read & ordred. his Mat^ie ſate nigh 5 houres in Councill. Butt the examining of 3 priſoners from ye Weſt vizt Jones: a cabinett maker within Ludgate: a Capt of horſe. Kidd: formerly ſerv^t to Mr Thin: Commander of a party of the ſixth men. and Hayes. younger ſon to Alderman Hayes: who are all this day carried to Newgate) tooke up great part of his Ma^ies tyme I feare his Lordſ^p forgott my paper. I heare a league with Holland Sweden & Denmark is or will in 2 or 3 dayes be ratified by his Ma^ie at Winſor. Saterday next is appointed a Gen^ll Muſter of the Army at Hownſloe Heath to entertain Mar̄s. d'Humeires & the French officers: Prayers for ye family are read in her Ma^ie preſence. where yeſterday at morning ſervice was a very great appearance of the Nobility as D. Ormond Ld Treas̄. Ld P. S Ld Peterburro & none at court miſſing. & I do not heare of any about ye Court great or ſmall; are tempted to change their religion by the ſplended accommodation

accommodation of the New Chappell. I give my humble ſervice to ye young Ladyes and am S^r^

your moſt humble Servt

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton neer
Briſtoll.

Dr White a luſty faire complexiond man. formerly Lecturer at St Andrewes Holburn is made Bp of Peterburrow & Dr Parker A Deacon of Canterbury to be ye next Bip^e^ in the roome of one whoſe name I know not: dangerouſly ſick.

E. R.

MR. RANDOLPH'S PROPOSALS ABOUT QUO WARRANTO.

Rhode Iſland Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 178.

Auguſt 18. 1685

To the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips: More than nine months have paſſed ſince judgment was entered up for his late Majeſty againſt the Charter of Boſton, whereby the government of that Collony is inveſted in by his Majeſty yet to this day Some diſaffected perſons, under color of their vacated Charter, pretend to exerciſe a government there and countenance the breach of the Acts of Trade, by permitting their ſhips laden with Plantation Commodities to go from thence directly to Holland, Scotland, &c. without firſt entering in England, as the law directs; greatly impairing thereby his Majeſty's revenue, now increaſed by Act of Parliament.

Now

Now foraſmuch, as there is no ſettled government in that Collony, and the loyal party there (being the far greater number) have upon all occaſions ſhown their readineſs to ſubmit to his Majeſty's laws and commands, and are in daily expectation to be freed from the oppreſſions they have long groaned under, but being kept out of the government, are in no capacity to relieve themſelves, or put a ſtop to the irregular trade, and other growing miſchiefs complained of, It is therefore humbly propoſed that his Majeſty would graciouſly pleaſe forthwith to order a temporary government, by his commiſſion to the beſt diſpoſed perſons upon the place untill ſuch time as his Majeſty's Governor Generall ſhall be diſpatched from hence to take upon him the government of all the Collonys in New England.

I likewiſe humbly repreſent, that I have ſolicited the five Quo Warrantos mentioned in his Majeſty's order of Council of the 15th of July laſt, and ſerved three writs upon the ſeveral proprietors of Eaſt and Weſt New Jerſey and Delaware. I am now attending to receive your Lordſhips' further commands about the two Quo Warrantos againſt the Collonys of Connecticut and Rhode Iſland, which are returnable the next term, now to the intent his Majeſty's proſecutions againſt thoſe Collonys be not by the difficulty of a winter's voyage rendered ineffectual, It is neceſſary (as I humbly conceive) that ſome perſon be diſpatched thither with orders to that purpoſe, upon the firſt ſhip which ſails from hence to Boſton; and if his Majeſty pleaſe to commit that ſervice to my charge, with the conveyance of a Commiſſion to erect a temporary government there, I queſtion not but to give his Majeſty a good account of that affair; and alſo the two Collonys

lonys againſt which Quo Warrantos are iſſued, and ſo by that means bring the ſeveral Collonys in New England to a united and nearer dependance upon the Crown.

All which is humbly ſubmitted by &c.

E. RANDOLPH.

RANDOLPH'S PETITION TO BE SECRETARY OF N. ENG^D.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (358). 26 Aug. 1685.

To the Right Honble the Lords of ye Committee for Trade and forain Plantations.

The Humble petition of Edward Randolph (To be Sec^y & Regiſter of N. England [3])

Sheweth

That y^r Petn^r has been employed aboue 10 yeares in the affaires of New Eng^d in order to bring that Plantation to a neerer dependance vpon ye Crown: and inaſmuch as ye Boſtoners refuſed to Submitt to ye gracious propoſalls offred them by his late Matie y^r Petn^r was directed to proſecute them vpon a Quo Warr^to and Judgm^t being therevpon entred vp ag^t their Charter their libertyes & Priveleges are become forfeited to His Matie

Now for as much as y^r Petn^r has made 8 voyages already to & from New Eng^d in attending his Maties Seruice, and is now ordred forthwith to return [theither] to ſerue writts of Quo Warr^to vpon ye Colonyes of Connecticutt & Road Iſland, againſt which Articles of high Miſdemeanour haue lately been Exhibited:

your

[3] Different hand.

your Petn.r humbly prayes y.r Lordſ.ps to recommend him to his Ma.ties favour, that in Conſideration of his paſt Services his Ma.tie would graciouſly pleaſe to grant him the Office of Secretary & Regiſter of thoſe places which are or ſhall be brought vnder his Ma.ties Govern.r Gen.ll of New Eng.d

And y.r Petn.r ſhall euer etc.

[*Endorſed*] Petition of Edward Randolph
To be Sec.ry of New England. Read 26 Aug. 85.

Petitions of Randolph & Gove.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 108, p. 186.

At the Committee of Trade & Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Wedneſday the 26.th of Auguſt 1685.

Preſent: Lord Treaſurer, Lord Preſident, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Craven, Earl of Nottingham, L.d Viſco.t Fauconberg, Lord B.p of London, Earl of Middleton, M.r Chancelor of the Dutchy.

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New Engld . . . The Petition of Edward Randolph read praying to bee recommended to His Ma.tys Favor that in conſideration of his paſt Services hee may have a Grant of the Office of Secretary and Regiſter of all thoſe places which are or ſhall bee brought vnder His Ma.ty's Government in New England. Whereupon their Lo.ps agree to conſider further of this Petition when the Government of all the Colonys of New England ſhall bee ſettled . . .

The

New Hampshire. Petn of Edw: Gove. . . The Petition of Edward Gove prisoner in the Tower read, setting forth That hee was Tryed and Condemned in New Hampshire for High Treason and being sent into England was committed Prisoner to the Tower in June 1683 And humbly praying His Majesty's Pardon for the said Treason. Whereupon their Lopps agree to represent the Petition to His Majesty for His pleasure thereupon.

A Pardon for Gove. Memorand Their Lordships having accordingly presented the said Petition, His Majesty was pleased to Order, that the petr bee Pardoned, giving Security for his good behaviour for the future.

Edward Randolph to Sir Robert Southwell.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Augt 29th 85

Sr

Yesterday Mr Southwell did me the favour to visit me at my lodgings he is very well in health & lively. I have promised to waite upon him at Mr Fflamsteds before I go to N. Engd wheither with great zeal I am now pressed by ye Commrs of ye Customs to goe: with large powers from them: I have gaind ye point & am carriing over with me a Commission for a Temporary Gomt: I hope it will succeed & the rather because they have been putt in a terrible fright with the apprehentions of being committed to ye Guardianship of Coll Kerk: who I think has shortened his passage to N. Engd by his expedition in ye West: I heard my Ld Jeffryes give

give him a ſevere welcome to Winſor laſt Sunday & told him he had not only a bare report but informations under his Ma^ts^ Juſtices of ye peace upon oaths of ſufficient & loyal witneſſes & that he had done more then he could anſwer etc: I mett with a dangerous paper of 12 queries relating to the Purchaſers & preſent poſſeſſors of Lands in Ireland. It reflects upon all the late proceedings in Gen^ll^: condemnes ye D. of Ormond for joining wth ye Olivarian intereſt & putting himſelfe in poſſeſſion of his own eſtat but keeping out all others who engaged with him ag^t^ the Rebells: I left it with Mr Boyle & I believe you will heare more of it. twas ſubſcribed by Philopatriae G. F. D. which reverſed is ⊸ David Ffitts Gerald: It declares a deſign of the papiſts endeavouring a new tryall for their eſtates. & not before ſuch judges who are both partyes & Defend^ts^: I ſent by Mr Southwell ſome ſmall paper cutts: done by a Frenchman at my lodgings. the incloſed are different from ye former: I wiſh he were neerer that he might ſhew them how to divert themſelves even in paper. I am going to waite upon Mr Blathwayt at Winſor in hopes to gett matters diſpatched before I am unavoidably ſurprized by a deſperate winters voyage. My humble ſervice to ye Ladyes concludes this from S^r^

your humble ſerv^t^

ED RANDOLPH.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton
neer Briſtoll.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Sept. 1 1685

S[r]

Laſt Sunday the E. of Clarendon was declared L[d] Leif[tnt] of Ireland; the L[d] Preſident was not at y[e] Councill: neither was y[e] L[d] Keeper who ſticks cloſe to Aſtrop wells. Its thought the L[d] Cheife Juſtice may ſupply that vacancy after his weſtern expedition: ended. M[r] Blaithwayt is haſtning my diſpatches for N. Eng[d] and the propoſalls about ſupplying his Mat[e] with maſts will take effect: for M[r] Sec[ry] Pipps has directions to conſult & conclude the matter with y[e] Comm[rs] of the Navye as yet is no tidings of y[e] Earl of Macklesfeild. I ſaw his ſon in cloſe cuſtody in y[e] Tower at the tyme I called upon Gove M[r] Cranfeild traytor whom M[r] Blathwayt has gott ſett at liberty upon ſome ſlight obligation to his Ma[ie] for his good behaviour: by which meanes his Ma[ie] will be freed from y[e] charge of maintaining him in y[e] Tower at 3[lb] ꝑ weeke. The paper I acquainted you off is taken notice of pray God ſend y[e] Earl of Clarendon a peaceable kingdome to manage: I ſhall take all occaſions to pay my reſpects to M[r] Southwell this tyme of Vacation. all is in great peace & quiett with us. Yet the Virginia merc[hts] are under diſſatisfaction about their Tobacco valindring none or very little but Aronoak which is the worſt ſort. & I feare that act will more empaire the navigation then improve y[e] Governer. I give my humble ſervice to y[e] young Ladyes and remain S[r] your moſt obedient ſervant

ED. RANDOLPH.

I

I have received yours of ye 26 of Augt for which I return my hearty thanks: Its thought ye Privye Seal will be managed by Comm^n.

[*With superscription.*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weston neer
Bristoll.

MEMORIAL OF M^r. RANDOLPH WITH NAMES OF MEN FIT TO BE COUNCILL^rs.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (359), 2 Sep. 1685.

To the Right Honble the Lords of ye Committee
for Trade & forain Plantations.

May it pleaſe y^r Lordſ^ps

I humbly annex herevnto a Note of the Names of Perſons fitt to be concern'd in the Temporary Gom^t in ye Colony of ye Maſſachuſetts Bay, That your Lordſ^ps may make Choice of ſo many as to y^r Lordſ^ps may ſeem neceſſary for that Seruice. I humbly intreat That the Commiſſion prepared by Mr Blathwayt may be read before y^r Lordſ^ps enter vpon the matters in difference betwixt ye Ld Baltamore & Mr Penn. And that y^r Lordſ^ps would pleaſe to direct a letter to be ſent to Mr Graham to gett perfected ye Exemplification of ye Judgm^t ag^t the Boſton Charter to be laid before y^r Lordſ^ps at ye next Committee leaſt I be forced to ſtay yet longer for it.

A great part of the tyme limited for Seruing ye Quo Warrantoe's vpon ye Colonyes of Connecticutt & Road Iſland is allready

allready lapſ'd & It's neceſſary for his Ma^tes^ Seruice that I bee forthwith diſpatch'd for New Eng^d^.

All which is humbly Submitted. EDRANDOLPH

Sep^t^ 2: 1685.

[*Endorſed*] Memoriall to the R: H: the Lords of the Committee for Trade preſented by Ed. Randolph. The Names of ffit perſons to be putt in to ye Commiſſion.

[*Encloſed*]

The Names of Perſons well diſpoſed & humbly offred to be of his Maties Councill in the Colony of the Maſſachuſetts Bay & the Provinces in New Eng^d^ to conſiſt of One Preſident one Deputy-Preſident & 18 to be of ye Councill.

In the Colony of the Maſſachuſetts Bay

Joſeph Dudley Eſq^r^	1.
Symon Bradſtreet Eſq late Gou^r^ aged 82	
William Stoughton Eſq^r^	2.
Peter Bulkley Eſq^r^	3.
John Pinchon Eſq of Springfeild	4
Richard Wharton Gent.	5.
Waite Winthrop Gent.	6.
Nathanniell Saltenſtall Gent.	7.
Bartholomew Gidney Gent.	8.
Jonathan Ting Gent.	9.
John Vſher Gent.	10.
Dudley Bradſtreet Gentſon to y Gou^r^	11.
Hinkſman Gent. of Chelmſford The Secretary	12.

In the Province of New Hampſhere.

Robert Maſon Eſq^r^ Proprietor	13.
Nathanniell ffryer Gent.	
Robert Elliott Gent.	
John Hinks Gent.	14

Province of Main.

ffrancis Champernoon Gent.	15.
Edward Ting Gent.	16.
Edward Blackman Gent.	

Narriganſett Country or Kings Province.

John ffitts Winthrop Eſq^r^	17.
Edward Palmes Gent.	
Richard Smith Gent.	18.
ffrancis Beenley Gent.	

[*Endorſed*]

[*Endorſed*] The Names of Perſons
ffitt to be employed in
the Gom[t] of Boſton etc:

[*Alſo encloſed*]

The Names of fitting Perſons to be of the Councill in the Colony of Charles town Bay in N. Eng[d]

Symon Bradſtreet Jonathan Ting William Stoughton out
Joſeph Dudley putt out Peter Bulkley out.
~~The Secretary~~ John Pinchon Señ.
William Brown Señ. out. ~~Sammuell Shrimpton~~
Nathanniell Saltenſtall Waite Winthrop
Richard Wharton Bartholomew Gidney
Edward Randolph
Champernoon Sec[ry] ~~Symon Lines~~

Townes to haue liberty to Chuſe Aſſembly men.

Boſton	3.	Salem	2
Ipſwich	2.	Nubery, Andover	2
Saliſbury	1.		
Brantry	1.	Hingham	1
Winſor, Springfeild, Hadley, Northampton	1.	Weymouth	1
		Rowley, Beverly, Cape Ann	1
Dorceſter	1.	Charles town, Malden	2
Ron[x]bury	1		
	10.	Lin, Marblehead	1
			10.

[*Endorſed*] The Names of fitt perſons
for y[e] Councill.
The names of y[e] Townes in
that Colony.

[*Alſo encloſed*]

[*Alſo encloſed*]

N: Plymouth Colony.

Perſons to be of the Councill.

Thomas Hinkley.	William Bradford
John Walley.	Richard Burton
Thomas.	Benjamin Church
Lathrop. ~~Secretary~~.	Secretary

Townes to chuſe Aſſembly men.

Plymouth	1	Marſhfeild }	1
New Briſtoll	1	Dun[x]bery }	
Scituate	2	Tanton	1
Sandwich	1	Barſtable	1
		Swanſey	1

Prouince of Maine.

Champernoon	Edward Ting
Edwd Blackman	Sam̃ Wheelright
John Shapley	Edwd Ruſhworth. Secry.

Townes to chuſe Aſſembly men.

York	2	Kittery	2
Wells	2	Kennebeck	1
Caſco Bay	1		

Prouince of N: Hamp^{e}

Robert Maſon	Walter Barefoot
Nathanniell ffryer	Robert Elliott
Henry Green	Secry

Townes to chuſe Aſſembly men

Porcth mouth	2	Douer	1
Hampton	2	Great Iſland	1

Exiter

Exiter	1	Greenland	1
Oyſter Rieur	1		

[*Endorſed*] The Names of Councill And aſſembly men in N: Plymouth Prouinces of N. Hampſ & Maine.

Edward Randolph to Sir Robert Southwell.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillips, Bart.

Sept 7 1685

Sr

I have onely to acquaint you that this evening I had the Newes of the death of ye Ld Keeper at his Countryhouſe: wee expect either Ld Jeffryes or ye Atturney Genll to ſucceed in that ſtation as the Speaker of your houſe or Sr Edward Herbart is to be maſter of the Rolls upon ye Death of yr neighbour Sr John Churchill: I am hurried by ye Commrs of ye Cuſtoms to be gone immediately to N. Engd wheither I hope to be diſpatchd wth a Commiſſion for a temporary Gomt. My ſervice to ye young Ladyes is all Sr but my humble duty and that I am

your moſt obliged & humble ſervt

Ed. Randolph.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
At Kings Weſton
neer
Briſtoll.

Edward

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Plantation Office
Sept 10th 1685

Sr

This afternoon I waited upon Mr Boile who was pleaſed to lend me the printed Articles about Ireland which Mr Povey orders to be copied & ſent to you this Poſt. Mr Boyle tells me they will do a great deal of good & will be anſweared very accurately with a choice diſcovery of many things as yett not made known to the world I will beg a copy if not printed ſo ſoon as publiſhed & ſend it to Kings Weſton. he enquired after you & deſired me to preſent his humble ſervice to you without complement: I have not had tyme to waite upon Mr Sowthwell ſince I had the honour of his good company to Greenwich: where Mr Fflamſted treated him with great reſpect & had our tyme permitted have entertaind him with his curious diverſions: but wee made haſt to London. I am attending my good freind Mr Blathwayt who makes it no ſmall part of his care to improve to me the offices which I am engaging in in our New Engd buſines: Mr Maſon is nominated one of our Councill: twill be a great favour to him and promote the generall deſign of their quiett ſettlement if you would pleaſe by your letter before I go to adviſe him to moderation for I feare when he comes to be mated with ſome of his former antagoniſts twill tranſport his paſſion & putt all into a ferment: Sr N. Butler is primeir at the Cuſtome houſe Sr Dudley North being in the Country upon the Death of his brother: I lately laid before

before that Board a paper informing that I was ready to go: But ſhewed the impoſſibility of my ſecuring the trade of that country extending above 100 leagues upon y^e^ ſea: & that unleſſe there be a ſmall frigott to plye upon that Coaſt their ſhipps will now more than ever ſhip off Tobacco & Sugers becauſe of the late impoſitions in Eng^d^ I find them well inclind & prepare that matter with the neceſſity of my having a Boat & men alwayes to attend ye Kings ſervice: & this to be preſented to my Ld Treaſurer. No newes of ye Lord Macklesfeild: nor who ſhall be Ld Keeper: the vogue runns for ye Ld Jeffryes: this will very much delay my diſpatches for N. Eng^d^ & bring me upon ye Coaſt in the extreamity of their ſtormy ſeaſon which is very hazardous upon ye beginning of their winter: I heartily thank you for taking notice of my affaires to his Grace ye D of Bewforth. & remain in all duty S^r^ your moſt humble ſerv^t^

my humble ſervice to ye ED. RANDOLPH.

young Ladyes.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton
neer
Briſtoll.

COMMISSION TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 95. 21 September 1685.

James Rex.

James the ſecond by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and to all to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. Whereas

 we

we have thought fit to appoint a Prefident and Council, until we fhall fend over a Governour in Chief to take care of all our Territory and Dominion in New England, commonly called or known by the names of the Colony of the Maffachufetts Bay, the Province of New Hampfhire and Maine, and the Narraganfett Country, otherwife called the King's Province, with all the iflands, rights and members thereunto belonging, Know ye, that we repofing, efpecial truft and confidence in the loyalty and abilities of our trufty and well beloved Edward Randollp, Efq., have given and granted, and, by thefe prefents, do give and grant unto him, the faid Edward Randolph, the feveral and refpective places and offices of Secretary and Sole Regifter of our Governor and Council, and of our government there, for the time being, of and in our Territories and Dominion aforefaid, and him, (the faid Edward Randolph, Secretary and Regifter of our Said Territory and Dominion), we do, by thefe prefents, make, ordain and conftitute, to have, hold, exercife and enjoy the faid places and offices, or to him, the faid Edward Randolph, by himfelf or his deputy or deputies during our pleafure, together with all fees, rights, privileges, profits, perquifites and advantages, to the faid places and offices, or either of them, belonging or in any wife appertaining in as full and ample manner to all intents and purpofes, as the Secretary and Regifter of our Ifland of Jamaica, or of any other our Plantations in America, have had or do now receive and enjoy. And hereof all perfons, whom it may concern, are to take due notice, and yeild obedience thereunto accordingly. Given at our Court at Windfor the 21ft day of September, 1685 in the firft year of our reign.

His

His Ma$^{ty's}$ Commission, for the Governm^{t} of New England.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 61, p. 252. 27 Sept. 1685.

James the Second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come Greeting. Whereas a Writ of Scire facias has been iſſued out of Our high Court of Chancery againſt the late Governor and Company of the Maſſachuſets Bay in New England, whereby the Governm^{t} of that Colony and Members thereof is now in Our hands, And wee being minded to give all Protection and Encouragem^{t} to Our good Subjects therein, and to provide in the moſt Effectuall manner that due and impartiall Juſtice may be adminiſtred in all Caſes Civil and Criminal, and y^{t} all poſſible care may be taken for the juſt, quiet & orderly Government of the ſame; Know yee therefore that Wee by and with the advice of Our Privy Councill have thought fit to Erect Conſtitute and appoint a Preſident and Councill to take care of all that Our Territory & Dominion of New England in America, commonly called and knowne by the Name of Our Colony of the Maſſachuſets Bay, And Our Provinces of New Hampſhire and Maine, and the Narraganzet Country otherwiſe called the Kings Province, with all the Iſlands, Rights and Members thereunto appertaining, and to Order Rule and Govern the ſame according to ſuch Methods and Regulations as are herein after ſpecified and Declared, untill Our Cheif Governor ſhall arrive within Our ſaid Colonys; And for the better Execution of Our Royall pleaſure

pleaſure in this behalf, Wee do hereby Nominate and appoint Our Truſty and Welbeloved Subject Joſeph Dudley Eſq^r to be the firſt Preſident of the ſaid Councill and to Continue in the ſaid Office untill Wee Our Heires or Succeſſors ſhall otherwiſe direct; And wee do likewiſe Nominate and appoint Our Truſty and Welbeloved Subjects Simon Bradſtreet, William Staughton, Peter Bulkeley, John Pinchon, Robert Maſon, Richard Wharton, Wait Winthorpe, Nathaniel Saltenſtall, Bartholomew Gidney, Jonathan Ting, John Uſher, Dudley Bradſtreet, John Hincks, Francis Champernoon, Edward Ting, John Fitz Winthrop and Edward Randolph Eſq^rs to be of our Councill within Our ſaid Territorys and Colonys; And that the ſaid Joſeph Dudley and every ſucceeding Preſident of the ſaid Councill ſhall and may Nominate and appoint any One of the Members of the ſaid Councill for the time being to be his Deputy and to Preſide in his abſence: And that the ſaid Preſident or his Deputy and any Seaven of the ſaid Councill ſhall be a Quorum. And our expreſs will and Pleaſure is, that no perſon ſhall be admitted to ſit or have a Vote in the ſaid Councill untill he hath taken the Oath of Allegiance, and the oath hereafter mentioned for the due and impartiall Execution of Juſtice, and the faithfull diſcharge of the Truſt in them Repoſed; which Oaths wee do hereby authorize and direct the ſaid Simon Bradſtreet, William Staughton, Peter Bulkeley, John Pinchon, Robert Maſon, Richard Wharton, Wait Winthorp, Nathaniel Saltenſtall, Bartholomew Gidney, Jonathan Ting, John Uſher, Dudley Bradſtreet, John Hinks, Henry Champernoon, Edward Ting, John fitz Winthorp and Edward Randolph, or any three of them firſt to adminiſter

unto

unto the ſaid Joſeph Dudley the firſt Preſident, and the ſaid Joſeph Dudley having taken the ſaid Oaths, Wee do will authorize and require him and the Preſident for the time being to adminiſter the ſame from time to time to all and every other the Members of Our ſaid Councill; And wee do hereby will and require and Command Our ſaid Preſident & Councill and every of them to whom this Our pleaſure ſhall be made known, that, all Excuſes whatſoever ſet a part, They faile not to aſſemble and meet together at Our Town of Boſton in New England aſſoon as may be within the ſpace of Twenty dayes at the fartheſt next after the Arrivall of this Our Cōmiſſion at Our ſaid Town of Boſton, and there to Cauſe this Our Commiſſion or Letters Patents to be read before ſuch of them as ſhall be there Aſſembled, together with the Exemplification of the Judgement paſſed in Our high Court of Chancery againſt the ſaid late Governor and Company of the Maſſachuſets Bay. And having duely firſt taken the ſaid Oaths, to proceed to nominate and appoint ſuch officers and Servants as they ſhall think fit and neceſſary for Our Service, And alſo to appoint ſuch other time and place for their future meetings as They or the Major part of them, Whereof the Preſident or his Deputy to be one, ſhall think fit & agree. And Our will and Pleaſure is, that Our ſaid Councill ſhall from time to time have and uſe ſuch Seal onely for the ſealing their Acts and Orders and proceedings as ſhall be appointed by us Our heires and Succeſſors for that purpoſe. And wee do by theſe preſents for Us Our heires and Succeſſors Conſtitute Eſtabliſh Declare and appoint Our ſaid Preſident & Councill and their ſucceſſors for the time being to be a Conſtant and Setled Court of Record

Record for the adminiſtration of Juſtice to all Our Subjects inhabiting within the Limits aforeſaid in all Cauſes as well Civill as Criminall. And that the Preſident or any Seaven of the Councill for the time being ſhall have full power and authority to hold Plea in all Caſes from time to time aſwell in pleas of the Crown, and in all matters relating to the Conſervation of the Peace and puniſhment of Offenders, as in Civil Sutes and Actions between party & party, or between Us and any of our Subjects there, whether the ſame do Concern the Realty and relate to any Right of Freehold and Inheritance, or whether the ſame do Concerne the Perſonalty and relate to ſome matter of Debt Contract Damage or other perſonall Injury; And alſo in all mixt Actions which may Concern both Realty and Perſonalty; And therein, after due and Orderly proceeding and Deliberate hearing of both ſides, to give Judgem^t and to award Execution as well in Criminal as in Civil Caſes as aforeſaid: So alwayes that the formes of Proceedings in ſuch Caſes and the Judgments thereupon to be given be as Conſonant and agreeable to the Lawes and Statutes of this Our Realm of England as the preſent State and Condition of Our Subjects Inhabiting within the Limits aforeſaid, and the Circumſtances of the place, will admit. And the Preſident and Councill for the time being and every one of them Reſpectively, before they be admitted to their Severall and reſpective offices, and Charges, ſhall alſo take this Oath following; You ſhall ſwear well and truly to adminiſter Juſtice to all his Ma^ty's good Subjects inhabiting within the Territory and Dominion of New England under this his Ma^ty's Governm^t, and alſo duly and faithfully to diſcharge and execute the truſt

truſt in you repoſed, according to the beſt of yo: knowledge; You ſhall ſpare no perſon for favor or affection, nor any perſon grieve for hatred or ill-will, So help you God.

And wee do further hereby give and grant unto Our ſaid Preſident and Councill or to the Major part of them, full power & authority to Erect Conſtitute and Eſtabliſh ſuch and ſo many County Courts and other Inferior Courts of Judicature and publick Juſtice within Our ſaid Colony and Dominion as they ſhall think fit and Neceſſary for the hearing and determining of all Cauſes, as well Criminall as Civill, according to Law and Equity, and for awarding of Execution thereupon, with all reaſonable & neceſſary powers, authoritys, Fees & priviledges belonging unto Them.

Neverthelefs It is Our will and pleaſure and ſo wee doe hereby expreſly Declare, that it ſhall and may be lawfull from time to time, to and for all and every perſon who ſhall think him or themſelves agrieved by any Sentence Judgment or Decree pronounced given or made as aforeſaid in about or Concerning the title of any Land or other Reall Eſtate, or in any perſonall Action or Sute above the Value of three hundred Pounds, and not under, to Appeal from Such Judgment Sentence and Decree unto Us in Our Privy Councill, but with and under this Caution and Limitation, that the Appellant ſhall firſt enter into and give good Security to pay full Coſts in Caſe no Releif ſhall be obteined upon Such appeale: And for the better defence and Security of all Our Loving Subjects within Our ſaid Territory and Dominion of New England, Our further Will and Pleaſure is, and Wee do hereby Authorize, Require and Command Our ſaid Preſident and Councill for the time being in Our Name

and

and under the Seale by Us appointed or to be appointed to be uſed, to give and jſſue forth Commiſſions from time to time to ſuch perſon and perſons whom they ſhall Judge beſt qualified for the Regulation and Diſcipline of the Militia of Our ſaid Territory and Dominion, and for the Arraying and Muſtring the Inhabitants thereof & Inſtructing them how to bear and uſe their Armes; and that Care be taken that ſuch good Diſcipline ſhall be obſerved as by the ſaid Councill ſhall be preſcribed. And that if any Invaſions ſhall at any time be made, or other Deſtruction Detriment or Annoyance made or don by Indians or others upon or unto Our good Subjects Inhabiting within the ſaid Territory and Dominion, Wee by theſe preſents for Us Our Heires and Succeſſors Declare Ordain and Grant that it ſhall and may be Lawfull to and for Our ſaid Subjects ſo Commiſſioned by Our ſaid Councill from time to time and at all times for their ſpeciall Defence and Safety to encounter, Expell, Repell and Reſiſt by force of Armes and all other fitting wayes and means whatſoever all and every ſuch perſon and perſons as ſhall at any time hereafter attempt or Enterprize the Deſtruction Invaſion Detriment or annoyance of any of Our ſaid Loving Subjects or their Plantations or Eſtates. And above all things Wee do by theſe Preſents will, requir & Command Our ſaid Councill to take all poſſible care for the diſcountenance of all Vice, and encouragement of Virtue and good Living, that by ſuch Example the Infidels may be invited and deſire to partake of the Chriſtian Religion. And for the greater eaſe and ſatisfaction of Our ſaid Loving Subjects in matter of Religion, Wee do hereby will require and Command that liberty of Conſcience ſhall be allowed unto

unto all perſons, and that ſuch eſpecially as ſhall be Conformable to the Rights of the Church of England ſhall be particularly Countenanced and encouraged. And further Wee do by theſe preſents for Us Our heires and Succeſſors give and Grant unto the ſaid Councill and their Succeſſors for the time being full and free liberty, power and Authority, to hear and determine in all Emergencys relating to the Peace and good Governm: of Our Subjects within the ſaid Province, And alſo to Summon and Convene any perſon or perſons before them, and puniſh Contempts, and to Cauſe the Oath of Allegiance to be adminiſtred to all and every perſon & perſons who ſhall be admitted to any Office or Preferment. And for ſupporting the Charge of the Governm: of Our ſaid Territory and Dominion of New England, Our will and pleaſure is, and Wee do by theſe preſents authorize and require the ſaid Preſident and Councill to Continue ſuch Taxes and Impoſitions as have been and are now laid and Impoſed upon the Inhabitants thereof, and that They levy and diſtribute, or Cauſe the ſame to be levyed and diſtributed to thoſe Ends in the beſt and moſt equal manner they can.

Alſo Our will and pleaſure is, and Wee do hereby direct and appoint, that if the ſaid Preſident of Our Councill ſhall happen to dye, that then from & after the death of the ſaid Preſident, his Deputy ſhall ſucceede him in the office of Preſident, and ſhall and may Nominate and Chooſe any one of the Councill to be his Deputy to preſide in his abſence; and the ſaid Deputy ſo ſucceeding ſhall Continue in the ſaid Office of Preſident untill Our further Will and pleaſure be known therein. And if any of the Members of the ſaid

 Councill

Councill ſhall happen to dye, Our will and pleaſure is, and Wee do hereby direct and appoint the Preſident of Our Councill for the time being to Elect ſome other Perſon to be a Member of the ſaid Councill for that time, and to ſend over the Name of ſuch perſon ſo choſen, and the Names of two more whom Our ſaid Preſident ſhall judge fitly qualified for the ſaid Truſt; That Wee Our heires and ſucceſſors may nominate and appoint wch of the three ſhall be the Member in the place of the Member ſo dying. And laſtly Our will & pleaſure is, that the ſaid Preſident and Councill for the time being do prepare and ſend unto Us ſuch Rules and Methods for their owne Proceedings as may beſt Sute with the Conſtitution of Our Territory and Dominion aforeſaid, and for the better Eſtabliſhing Our authority there and the Government thereof, that Wee may alter or approve the ſame as Wee ſhall think fit. In Witnes &c. Dated the 27th of September in ye firſt year of Our Reign 1685.

DOCKET OF Mr RANDOLPH'S CŌMISSION.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. V. p. 437.

October 1685 { Annō Regni Regis Jacob̄ S̄ndj Primo.

A Grant unto Edward Randolph Eſqr of the Office of Surveyor of all the Woods and Timber growing upon any of the Main Lands or Iſlands within Ten or Twelve Miles of any Navigable River, Creek or Harbour, within the Province of Maine in New England. To Execute the ſaid Office by himſelf or Deputy with the Fee of Fifty pounds

p Anñ payable half yearly by the Treaſurer of the Navy from Michaelmas laſt, during His Ma^ts^ Pleaſure.

[*Endorſed*] Docket of Mr Randolph's Comiſſion to be Survey^r^ of ye Woods. N : Englād.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Sr Oct 3. 1685

Nothing this weeke has occurd worth troubling you with: Dr Short the Phyſitian is dead & buried. I have been taken up in ſoliciting my diſpatches: & together with my Commiſſion to be Collector of his Maties Cuſtoms. I ſhall I think have another paſſe alſo at ye Kings charge to [be] Surveyor of all his Woods & Tymber with in 10 miles of a navigable river with 40 or 50^lb^ a yeare to deſray the charge of Surveying & preſerving thoſe woods from ſpoile. which will be all ſpent in that ſervice: for twill be chargeable work to travel by ſea & land above 120 miles upon the coaſt of that Province. But I aime at this more in the reputation [*torn*] ing the ſervice then at any private advantage: I hope to gett away from hence in 10 dayes tyme: and now as to your ſupplyes of the production of our Country, I ſhall take care to inform myſelfe what is growing there that hath not yett been ſent to Eng^d^: Laſt weeke Mr Blathwayt was propoſing that M^r^ Maſon ſhould quitt his pretentions in N. Eng^d^ & lay all at his Mat^ie^ ffeet upon his Ma^t^ making him Govr of Bermodos. & allowing to him & his heires 2 or 300^lb^ yearely for ever to be paid out of ye quitt rents which will in a ſhort tyme ariſe to his Matie upon this ſettlem^t^ for the people will rather

rather pay to his Mat^ie 6^d an acre than one farthing to M^r Maſon. & now ſince Charters are at ſo low an ebb I feare his Grants will hardly hold out upon a tryall at ye Councill Board: he is ſure of all aſſiſtance from ye Plantation Office: but his Enemyes have the larger purſe & upon his acceptance of Bermodos his Matie may be induced for his former extraordinary ſervices to make that place more for his private advantage: but I know not what his conceptions may bee of ſuch propoſalls. I believe this day at Winſor I may have a further diſcourſe with Mr Blathwayt of this matter. I feare he will be in a perpetuall conteſt about his lands in N. Eng^d which I heartily wiſh he had ſetled to his ſatisfaction. All hatts & knees are bowed to the New Great Ld Chancellor who ſince his coming to town has from his Ma^ie named Sr Robert Jeffryes to be Ld Mayor for ye enſewing yeare: Nothing now as I can think of can encourage Col~~l~~ Kerk to expect the Gom^t of N. Eng^d but the promiſe of his late Mat^ie which how farr his preſent Ma^ie will oblige himſelfe to take notice of is yet queſtionable. I heare the Ld Chancellour is now well ſatisfied that the reports of his manage in ye Gom^t Taunton are more then flying rumors: his Ma^te will be in town Tueſday next. I then go to the Downes, aboard ye Roſe frigatt to gett all things in readineſs for my voyage. & then return to receive his Ma^t Commands. I have not lately ſeen Mr Boile but will call upon him: for that anſwear if ſhall ready: I give you my moſt humble thanks for all favors & remain S^r

your moſt humble ſerv^t ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton neer Briſtoll.

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Oct 14 1685

S^r^

Saterday laſt I went to the Downes to viſite the Roſe frigott in order make an accomodation for myſelfe & family: for the voyage: her commander is Capt. George: a civill perſon. She is the biggeſt fiſt [firſt] rate yet one of the worſt for ſayling: the proviſions for 6 months are aboard & I expect to ſayle in 10 dayes tyme at fartheſt. At my return I mett with yours of the 10th inſtant having juſt upon my leaving the town received y^r^ letter of the fiſt [firſt]: I have waited upon Mr Boile to procure a copy of the Anſwear to ye Queries: he tells me they are very well done & have been preſented to the Ld Leiſt^nt^ but as yet no copies will be given out: his Lordſ^p^ this morning told me that next Munday come ſeavenight he intends to leave the Town & ſett forth for Ireland & told me he had lately wrote to you: I hope to gett my diſpatches ready to be going by the middle of next weeke at fartheſt: and I am confident y^r^ letters to M^r^ Maſon will be of great uſe to him wheither hee ſtay or be removed to Bermodos: from your hearty aſſent to what Mr Blathwayt was pleaſed to propoſe to me I ſhall review the matter & putt it in a proſperous way: & ſince charters are now at ſo low an ebb: I feare M^r^ Maſon will find little benefitt by his antique Grants in N. Eng^d^ Laſt night I mett Mr Southwell at ye Plantation Office & is this day entertaind with the varietyes of ye Court where in ye Clerk of ye Councills Office is kept a Splendid ball: & tis ſaid their Maties

Maties will grace it with a Dance. I have ſent down my few goods & ſhall have little more to do but to receive my freinds commands: I give my humble ſervice to y^r young Ladyes: & hope by this tyme you have perfectly recovered yourſelfe from y^r late paines: giving you my moſt hearty thanks for all favors I remain S^r

your moſt obliged & moſt obedient ſerv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton
neer Briſtoll
preſent

PET^N OF MR RANDOLPH FOR FFLAGGS.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (367).

17. Oct: 1685.

To the R^t Honble The Lords of the Comm^tee for Trade & Forreign Plantations.

May it pleaſe Your Lordſhips

His Ma^ty hauing now by his Commiſſion under the great Seal Eſtabliſhed a Governm^t in the Colony of ye Maſſachuſets Bay @ in ye Provinces of Main & New hampſhire in N: Eng^d I humbly propoſe as a thing greatly neceſſary for his Ma^ts Service there, that I may haue an Order to Receiue from ye Office of the Ordnance Flaggs for His Ma^ts Caſtle & Forts in that Governm^t that is to ſay

For the Caſtle wch commands all Shipping Coming to Boſton	Two Flaggs
For ye 2 forts at Boſton	2 Flaggs
For the Fort at Piſcataqua	2 Flaggs

For

For ye Fort at Salem 2 Flaggs
For ye Fort at Charles Town 2 Flaggs
All which is humbly ſubmitted.

[*Endorſed*] Copy
Mr Randolph's
Petition for Flaggs.
Read 17 Oct: 1685.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Oct. 23. 1685

S^r

I have received yours of ye 19th inſtant & the day before was with Mr Boile who has not as yet the anſwear but he ſayes tis very well done: the Lord Leift^nts tyme is not yet ſetled: ſome queſtion wheither his Exceſſ. will not ſtay till ye opning of the Parl^mt I am now preparing for ye Downes as faſt as I can. the Capt being impatient of a longer ſtay: tomorrow I have orders for 500^lb from ye Navy board & by Munday all my Commiſſions publick & private will be compleated.

I ſhall not be wanting in New England to acknowledge your obligations by all occaſions & ſhall engage ſome of my freinds there to find out ſome varietyes to ſend to your grounds at Kings Weſton beſides Nutts: & ſhall lett Mr Bulkley & Mr Stoughton know you are pleaſed to continue your reſpects to them & deſire the ſettlement of their diſtracted Country upon a good foundation: I ſhall deliver yours to M^r Maſon upon my arrivall but Mr Cranſeild as S^r

Rich^d

Richd Dutton told me is at Barbados & ſtayes for Orders to come for Eng^{d} So that I have left your letter to him with M^{r} Jō Povey where he is ſooneſt like to receive it. I ſhall ſettle a correſpondence with Mr Southwell & find out ſome new divertions from our parts for him.

S^{r} I have ſound extraordinary civilityes from Mr Secry Pepys & from Sr Richard Haddock beyond what I could expect & intreat you when you come to town to give them my hearty acknowledgm^{ts} for their civilityes. I have ſpent too much tyme in diſcourſing my buſines. Its now high tyme to be upon action in which God willing I ſhall uſe all care & circumſpection to acquitt myſelfe to his Mat^{ie} who has been ſo bountifull to me beyond my propoſalls: formerly after I had paſd the Dangers of the ſeas I expected a greater ſtorm a ſhoar then I mett with in my voyage, & never failed of my expectation: but now matters turning ſo quick upon their freinds in England I ſhall find them all in our N. Goverm^{t} of another minde: & when they come to heare that Sheriffe Corniſh was hangd & quartered in the heart of their Citty in Cheapſide upon a Gibbett againſt the Geild Hall they will be glad to be quiett even upon any tearmes. my buſines ſhall be to gett all matters carried fairely for his Ma^{ie} & the generall good of that country who know not how to be kind to themſelves. if you have any further ſervices I ſhall receive them in the Downes from ye Plantation Office. I have onely to repeat my humble & hearty thankes to you for all your favors; & ſhall carefully obſerve all your directions ſcattered to me in your letters ſince my arrivall in Eng^{d} which are of conſtant uſe to me: my humble ſervice

to

to the young ladyes. praying heartily for health & prosperity to you & your tender Plants I remain

S: your most humble &
most obliged servt ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*] To Sr Robert Sowthwell
at Kings Weston neer Bristoll

Mr R. RATCLIFF A MINISTER TO BE PROVIDED FOR.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 61, p. 259. 30 Oct. 1685.

After Our hearty Commendations unto you; Whereas the R: Reverend father in God the Ld Bpp of London hath represented unto Us that he hath made Choice of the bearer hereof, Mr Robert Ratcliffe master of Arts, as a person fitly qualified to Reside in New England to take care off and Instruct such of his Maties subjects as shall apply themselves unto him, or shall desire to serve God according to the Rites of the Church of England; Wee have thought fit to recommend him unto you, that you may give him a fair Reception, and affoard him from time to time all necessary Countenance and Protection, wherein he shall need your assistance; so that he may not faile of a kinde entertainment and sutable maintenance among you. And so not doubting of your ready Compliance herewith, Wee bid you very heartily farewell. From the Court at Whitehall the 30th day of October 1685. Yor loving Friends

JEFFREYS C.	MULGRAVE	BERKELEY
ROCHESTER	SUNDERLAND	MIDDLETON
CLARENDON C. P. S.	CRAVEN	PRESTON

JOHN NICHOLAS.

LIST

LIST OF PAPERS GIVEN TO RANDOLPH, GOING TO NEW ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 108, p. 223.

On the 5th of November 1685

5 Nov: New England Is delivered to Mr Randolph Secretary of New England now going thither

An Exemplification of the Judgement againſt the Charter of the Maſſachuſets Colony in New England.

A Commiſſion vnder the Great Seal of England conſtituting a Temporary Gov: of New England.

The King's Warrant Authorizing the vſe of the late Company's Seal in New England.

A letter from the Committee to the Preſident and Council of New England, to return Quarterly Accompts of their Proceedings.

A letter from the Committee to ye Prefid: and Council of New England, with Heads of Inquiry.

A Letter from the Committee to the Secy of New England to return Quarterly Accompts of Proceedings in New England.

A LIST OF PAPERS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANTATION OFFICE THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER 1685: (BY MR RANDOLPH[4])

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (369).

The Exemplification of the Judgment for the King againſt the Maſſachuſets Charter.

The Commiſſion for a temporary Gouernm: of New England.

[4] Different handwriting.

A warrant authorizing the late Companys Seale in New England till an other be Sent over.

A letter from the Committee to the Preſident and Councill of New England to tranſmit Quarterly Accounts.

A letter from the Committee to the Preſident and Councill of New England with heads of Inquiry.

A letter from the Committee to the Secretary of New England for quarterly accompts of Proceedings.

A Deputation from Mr Blathwayt to Mr Randolph for the office of Auditor of New England.

ED: RANDOLPH.

[*Endorſed*] 5 Nov: 85,
Mr Randolph's
Recd for Papers.

Mr RANDOLPH TO BE POST MASTER OF NEW ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 61, p. 269, 23 Nov. 1685.

Laurence Earle of Rocheſter, Viſcount Hide of Kenelworth and Baron of Wotton Baſſet, Lord high Treaſurer of England, One of the Lords of his Maty.s Privy Council, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, and Poſt Maſter Generall in the Kingdom of England Scotland and Ireland and in all other his Maties other Dominions, Territorys and Iſles thereunto belonging in Europe, Africa, and America[5]

To all People to whom this ſhall come Greeting, Know Yee

[5] See *The Fall of the Monarchy of Charles I.*, by S. R. Gardiner, ed. 1882, Vol. I. p. 82, for an account of the eſtabliſhment of a poſt office in England in 1635.

Yee that I the ſaid Laurence Earle of Rocheſter well knowing the loyalty and fidelity to his Ma^ty^ of Edward Randolph Eſq^re^, and repoſing great Truſt and Confidence in the Knowledge, Care and Ability of the ſaid Edward Randolph, Do by theſe preſents Depute Conſtitute authorize and appoint him the ſaid Edward Randolph my Deputy Poſtmaſter in New England and all the parts thereof, Subject nevertheleſs to Such Inſtructions Orders and directions as he ſhall from time to time receive from his Ma^ty^, Me the ſaid Poſt maſter Generall, or from the Governor of the Generall Letter Office in London. In witneſs Whereof I the ſaid Laurence Earle of Rocheſter have hereunto Set my hand and Cauſed my Seale of the ſaid Office in Such Caſes uſed to be affixed: dated the three and twentieth day of November 1685. ROCHESTER.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Deal: No^ber^ ye 10th 1685:

S^r^

I thanke God I am ſafe arrived here, & nothing but my great deſire to be upon ye place of my buſines could force me to leave London till I had taken your farewell: but I know your goodnes will pardon me: eſpecially when I tell you that tho I ſent my goods down about a fortnight ago: and hoped they had been all ſafe aboard y^e^ ſhip yett now I find them ſcattred up and down: & my whole accomodation to make in the ſhip which will take up my tyme & thoughts to gett ſetled: juſt upon my coming from ye Plantation

tation Office Mr Blathwayt advised me to gett a Deputation from Mr Ffroud to erect a Post Office in New Engd that night I spoak to Mr Castleton about it & have now sent him a letter to remind him of it under Mr Poveys cover. what profitt arises I design to Mr Masons young children in England. I allow them now 20lb a yeare till his better fortunes will afford them a larger supply. I shall not be wanting to do him & his all the service that lyes in my power. At my taking leave of ye E. of Clarendon I reminded his Lordsp of Mr Mason to be appointed to ye Gomt of Bermodos which was well approved of by his Lordsp & I hope will be for his benefitt: bad weather comes upon us & I feare a greater then the last storm here. in which some ships putt to sea & are not yet heard of: I have not tyme to say how much I am obliged to you I hope to live to expresse & make my acknowledgmt upon all occasions & continue to be in all duty your most obliged Servt

ED RANDOLPH

My humble service to Mr Sowthwell.

[*With superscription*] To the Hond
Sr Robert Sowthwell
at the Plantation Office
Whitehall.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Sr Deal Novbr 23 1685

Tho I have been for some tyme out of town yet by the late newes especially which comes to my hands I beleive you

you have been ſufficiently harraſſed in your publick manage: I am heartily ſorry to heare you are putt to a full ſtop. Pray God ſend a calme & a happy meeting that all things may tend to his glory & to ye Hon^r^ of the King & benefitt & ſatisfaction of all good men. Mr Secry Pepys my worthy freind has adviſed Capt George Command^r^ to gett all ready to attend his Matie further Commands for the Roſe So that in 3 or 4 dayes the wind preſenting I hope wee may ſett forward for our dangerous voyage: Pray God ſend all to do well at home & I queſtion not but to give a good tho late account of our manage in N. Eng^d^. I have been ill treated with an ague & ye Gravell but at this inſtant I thank God am well ſatisfied that wee ſhall leave this dirty town: S^r^ you have upon all occaſions laid ſuch obligations upon me that at my arrivall in N. Eng^d^. I will ſend you from thence ſuch varietyes as that Country dos afford. I am likewiſe by Mr Gwin (to whom my humble ſervice) commanded to preſent ye Dutches of Beaufort with ſome ſeads & plants from thence. We want a ſkilfull Herbaliſt to diſcover them to us: I give Mr Sowthwell my humble ſervice & wiſhes all happines to him & ye young ladyes and am S^r^

your moſt obliged ſerv^t^

ED. RANDOLPH.

Sr R. Sowthwell

[*With ſuperſcription*] To Sr Robert Sowthwell
at y Plantation Office
humbly preſent.

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Deal: No^ber^ 27th 1685.

Hon^d^ S^r^

I had ſooner anſweared y^rs^ of ye 24th inſtant but I was obliged to be aboard ye Roſe to prepare for our ſayling expecting orders of ye date of yours: you cannot queſtion but I was well appointed to go to N. Engd with ſuch Commiſſions & directions as his Matie was pleaſed to ſend by me. and to abide ſuch an event as the humors of the people at that diſtance under different apprehenſions would hurry them to: But ſince you have been pleaſed to give me a hint of a happy underſtanding which may be the produce of this prorogation: I go over with abundance of ſatisfaction and queſtion not but that may be of great force to oblige theſe people to a dutyfull complyance with his Matie commands. I heartily thanke you for recommending me to Mr Ffrowde to the management of ye Poſt Office I received a deputation (by his recommending me to ye Lord Treaſurer) from his Lordſ^p^ to be poſt maſter of New Eng^d^ with an aſſurance of an advantage to be made me when that Office is ſetled.

I ſhall not trouble you with any plants or produce from New Eng^d^ but ſuch as will grow in Kings Weſton and of thoſe I ſhall ſend all the variety that country affords: but my going ſo late will prevent my getting any till next yeare I would glad be furniſhed with ſome directions about M^r^ Maſon being very unwilling to think he ſhould be obliged to come for England to be expoſed to his mercileſſe creditors.

Twould be very gratefull to N. Eng^d^ if his Matie ſhould ſend

ſend over Sr Mathias Vincent or ſome Gent of good eſtate: twill make the Gomt very eaſye to thoſe people who have been greatly oppreſſed. & now will be ruined by theſe late new impoſts upon Plantation Comodityes.

I heartily wiſh you a ſafe journey home & to bee free from yr late indiſpoſition. My humble ſervice to Mr Sowthwell & to all ye young ladyes: making my ſincere & moſt gratefull acknowledgment for your never to be forgotten favors I humbly take leave & am

Sr your moſt humble &
moſt obliged ſervt
ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With ſuperſcription*] To the hond
Sr Robert Sowthwell
at ye Plantation Office
neer Whitehall

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Deal Jan7 11. 1685.

Sr

Were I worthy to have foreſeen ſo long a ſtay in this Dirty & chargeable town I would have ſtayd in town to receive your commands & made myſelfe happy in ſeeing you once more. but I meet with a ſufficient remorſe & how long yet I may be detaind I cannot tell in regard our ſhip broak 2 Cables in the Great Storm laſt Thirſday night & wee are to ſtay here or call at Portſmouth for a ſupply: ſeverall ſhips were loſt upon ye Goodwin & one great Dutch Eaſt India man outward bound with 3 anchors a head drewe thro' the Downes

Downes northward thro the whole fleet & is not yet heard of. here were above 300 ſayle wind bound & now moſt of them are gon to ſea. I have the newes of another prorogation: I could have been glad wee had ſayld before that report came out, our delay I feare will be very prejudiciall: to the buſines I am engaged in: I carry over with me a very ſober Gent for our miniſter who will by his modeſt & prudent converſe gaine upon the people. Our Commander has orders to continue upon our Coaſt for a twelve month except the preſident ſe fitt to ſend him home with priſoners. That Article may keep the heady in awe: my moſt humble ſervice to you & to Mr Sowthwell & to ye young Ladyes intreating the continuance of your favour is all at preſent from S^r^

your moſt humble & moſt obedient ſerv^t^

ED. RANDOLPH.

To S^r^ ROB^T^ SOWTHWELL

[*With ſuperſcription*] To the Hon^d^
Sr Robert Sowthwell
at Kings Weſton
neer Briſtoll

WALTER CLARKE TO EDWARD RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CCXLII. p. 335.

Eſtemed and courtious

Underſtanding by the bleſſing of God of thy landing at Boſton the 13th inſtant, hold myſelfe obliged to congratulate thy ſafe arrival once more into theſe American parts, and to aſſure thee that I ſtand conſtituted in my preſent capacity, ſhall be glad to ſerve thee in any office of love to my power,

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which I preſume in the minds of all my well beloved friends; and hope our practice will demonſtrate the ſame if time and oportunity offer; having a true regard to all ſuch whome his Majeſty, in his princely wiſdom, thinks meett to Imploye in his weighty conſerns, is all at preſent, & with dew Reſpects to all ſd Emediately conſerned.

Remaine thy Aſured ffriend

WALTER CLARKE

Newport one Rhoad Iſland, this 15 day 3 mo. 1686

[*Endorſed*] ffor his eſtemed Ed Randolfe Eſquire in Boſton theſe.

DUDLEY & RANDOLPH TO THE COM^TEE

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (65).

Boſton N.E. May 16. 1686.

Right Hon^able

May it Pleaſe yor Lordſ^p

After a tedious Voyage the Roſe frigatt Capt. George Command^r arrived here the fourteenth Inſtant with Mr Randolph, from whome wee received his Maj^tyes gracious Commiſſion of Goverm^t together with an Exemplification of the judgem^t againſt the late Govern^r and Comp^a of the Maſſathuſetts bay in New England, and Accordingly wee are now Aſſembled this day, to ſend Summons to the Gentlm̃ therein Nominated (ſome whereof are farre diſtant) to attend at a ſhort day, and humbly Aſſure yor Lordſh^p that Wee Accept this his Maj^tyes unſpeakable favour with all duty and Obedience, And ſhall ſend yor Lorſh̃ an Acco^t of our management by M^r Maſon one of the Councill who comes to England by the

the next ſhip, and will Attend yor Lordſh with a full Acco^t of our proceedings.

JOSEPH DUDLEY
ED: RANDOLPH Secry.

[*Endorſed*] New england
May 16th 86.
Mr Dudley &
Mr Randolph

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO FITZ-JOHN WINTHROP.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. III. p. 474.

Boſton, May 17th 1686

S^r, — I am commanded by Mr Dudley, our Preſident, to acquaint you that his Maj^tie hath been pleaſed to appoint you to be one of the Councill now eſtabliſhed by his Commiſſion under the Great Seal, which wee have received, and are deſirous of your company, & have no other argument to proffer your ſpeed than to acquaint you his Maties affaires here want your preſence; which will be acceptable to the gentlemen already mett & to him who is.

S^r, your humble ſerv^t.

E: RANDOLPH

To Major Jo: Winthrop

COURTS REPLY TO HIS MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS.

Maſſachuſetts Records, Vol. V. p. 515. 20 May 1686.

Gent^n: —

Wee have peruſed what yow left wth us as a true coppy of his maj^ties commiſſion, ſhewed to us the 17th inſtant, impowr-

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ing yow for the governing of his maj'ies ſubjects inhabiting this colony, and other places therein mentioned.

Yow then applyed yourſelves to us, not as a Goũnor & Company, (but as yow were pleaſed to terme us) ſome of the principall gentlemen and cheife of the inhabitants of the ſeverall tounes of the Maſſachuſetts, amongſt other diſcourſe ſaying it concerned us to conſider what there might be thought hard & uneaſy.

1. Upon peruſall whereof wee finde, as wee conceive, firſt, that there is no certeine determinate rule for your adminiſtration of juſtice, & that which is ſeemes to be too arbitrary.

2ly. That the ſubjects are abridged of their liberty as Engliſhmen, both in the matter of legiſlation and in the laying of taxes, and indeed the whole unqueſtioned priviledge of the ſubject transferred upon yourſelves, there being not the leaſt mention of an aſſembly in the comiſſion.

And therefore wee thinke it highly concernes yow to conſider whither ſuch a comiſſion is ſafe, either for yow or us; but if yow are ſo ſattisfied therein as that you hold yourſelves obleidged thereby, and do take upon you the government of this people, although wee cannot give our aſſent thereto, yet hope ſhall demeane ourſelves as true & loyall ſubjects to his majty, and humbly make our addreſſes unto God, & in due time, to our gracious prince, for our releife. Paſt by the whole Court, nemine contradicente.

By order

EDWD RAWSON, Secret.

20th May, 1686

[*ſuperſcribed*]

[*ſuperſcribed*] Theſe for Joſeph Dudley Eſq̃. & the reſt of the gent[a] named in his maj[ties] Comiſſion.[6]

[*Addreſſed*] Theſe for Joſeph Dudley Eſq[re] & the reſt of the Gent[a] named in his Maj[ties] Comiſſion & was ſent unto them by Samuel Seawall Eſq[re] & Mr. John Saffin y[e] ſame time.

COURT'S ORDER FOR A REPOSITORY OF PAPERS. [20 MAY 1686.]

Maſſachuſetts Records, Vol. V. p. 516.

Ordered by this Court, that Samuel Nowell, Eſq̃, M[r] Jn[o] Saffin, & Capt̃ Timothy. Prout be a comittee for a repoſitory of ſuch papers on file with the ſecretary as referr to our charter, & negotiations, from time to time, for the ſecurity thereof, with ſuch as referr to our title of our land, by purchaſe of Indeans or otherwiſe; and the ſecretary is ordered accordingly to deliver the ſame unto them.

[21] This day the whole Court mett at the Goũno[r]s houſe, & there the Court was adjourned to the ſecond Wedneſday in October next, at eight of the clocke in y[e] morning.

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[6] *Maſſachuſetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVI. p. 1. "General Courts anſwer adverſe to J. Dudley when he took on himſelf the Gov[r], as Preſident thereof." [In the handwriting of Edward Rawſon]

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO GOVERNOR TREAT AND COUNCIL. [OF CONNECTICUT.]

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 352.

Gentl^m^ Boſton May ye 27th, 1686.

I am heartily glad for your ſakes that I am, through the bleſſing of God, ſafe arrived in Boſton, where on the 25th inſtant Joſeph Dudley Eſq^r^ and the perſons named in his Majeſties Commiſſion of Governm^t^ (ſome few indiſpoſed excepted) entered upon ye Governem^t^ wth ye generall Conſent and applauſe of the people. My time forbids me to be to particular wth you in that matter: I am now to addreſs to the concernes of yor Colonie; againſt wch I have wth me two Quo Warrantoes as alſo againſt Road Iſland: his Matie intends to bring all New England under one Governem^t^ and nothing is now remaineing on yor part but to think of an humble ſubmiſſion and a dutifull reſignation of your Charter, wch if you are ſo hardie ſo [*ſic*] offer to defend at law, whilſte you are contending for a ſhaddow you will in the firſte place looſe all that part of your Colonie from Conecticot to N. Yorke and have it annexed to that gouerm^t^, a thing you are to certainly enformed of already: & nothing will prevent, but yor obuiating ſo generall a callamitie to all New England by an heartie and timely application to his Matie with an humble ſubmiſſion, wth an annexed petition: to grant libertie of conſcience, a confirmatiô & continuation to you of all ye lands now under your Gouernement and ſuch other fauo^rs^ as yor wants can beſt dictate unto you: A Court by ye Gouerm^t^ is ordered ſhortly to be kept in ye Narraganſit to aſſert the Authority graunted by His Maties Comiſſion &

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to prevent ye Road Iſlanders further incurſions: I expect not that you trouble me to enter your Colonie as a herauld to denounce warre; my friendſhip for you enclines mee to perſwade an accomoda^n^, and to that end deſire you to ſend me word whether you will fauor yo^r^ſelues ſo farr as to come to me in Boſton, where you will be witneſſes of our peace & beleiſe of His Majeſties Gouernm^t^ not ſuch a ſcare crow as to afright men out of their eſtates & liberties rather than to ſubmit & be happie: Wee expect ſome ſhips will be in a moneth at fartheſt readie to ſaile frô hence for England: and therefore whatever is intended muſt be compleated on your part before that time: now if beſids your ſelues and Some members of yor Counſell in and about Hartford yor Governo^r^ & Deputie Gouerno^r^ & Major Gold and ſome of yor Southerne Gentle^n^ will vouchaſe to come as far as Mr Smith's in Narroganſet, ſend me & expreſſe a time appoint^d^, I queſtion not but you will have Opportunity to conferre wth ſome of ye principle Gentlem^n^ of this Gouernm^t^. S^r^ bleſs not yourſelues wth vaine expectation of advantage & ſpinninge out of time by my delay: I will engage tho' the weather be warme the writs will keep ſound and as good as when firſt landed: my great care for your aduantage ſwells my paper beyond y^e^ ſize of a letter; ſhould I wright but what were neceſſary twoulde tyre you & my ſelfe to: I deſire you to reach me out any oppertunity of ſerving you: and to appoint you a ſpeedie day: that I may communicate what is not fit now to wright: and I aſſure you that I am always at leiſure to ſurve you becaus I am reſolued to continue Gentl^n^

Your humble Seruant, ED. RANDOLPH.

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I greatly wrong Mr Blathwaite if I forget to acquaint you y^t he is much your friend in y^s matter.

"Copie of Mr. Ed. Randolph's letter. Rec^d 9 May 87 from Coll. Dongan."

CUSTOME HOUSE FEES ALLOWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL TO EDWARD RANDOLPH ESQ. COLLECTOR &C.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 5, 28 May 1686

Entryes inwards from Forreigne Plantations	£ . . . 2.6.
" outwards to ſaid Places	£ . . . 2.6.
Cocquetts or Permits for enumerated Commodityes	£ . . . 2.6.
Certificates to take up Bonds	£ . . . 3.0.
Coaſting veſſells that ffreight to other Colonyes or Provinces to make a Generall Entry of their Loading, for Cocquet and Clearing.	2.6

By order of Preſident
and Councill

ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (337).

From the Preſident & Council of Boſton to the Committee.

May it pleaſe Your Lordſ^ps

In obedience to Your Lordſ^ps commands Signifyed to us by Your Lordſ^ps letters of the 30th of October laſt

Wee humbly lay before Your Lordſ^ps that purſuant to his Maj^ties Commiſſion for the Government of this his Maj^ties Territory and Dominion to us directed

Wee

Wee met at Boſton on the 25th of May and Joſeph Dudley Eſqr Preſidt haveing firſt taken the Oathes in his Majties Commiſſion required did adminiſter the Same Oathes unto fourteen of the Members of the Councill then preſent and entered upon the Exerciſe of the Governmt Our firſt and cheifeſt Care was to preſerve his Majties peace, by publiſhing a proclamation, impowring all Conſtables to continue in their places, till others be appointed to Succeed them: And wee alſo Commiſſionated fitting pſons to be Juſtices for keeping the peace in Countyes and principall townes belonging to this Government.

Our next care was to intruſt the Militia in the hands of perſons well affected to his Majtie the cheifeſt whereof being Members of the Councill. The Caſtle of Boſton a place of great importance to this Country is now put under the Care and Command of Capt Wait Winthrop, a perſon of known loyalty.

Wee have now under Conſideration the Support of the Governmt, which we find loaden with debts, and no money to be found; and are Examining the account of the Treaſury to the late Government.

Wee are alſo preparing ſtrict methods, for the purſuance of the Acts of trade and navigation, in every Port of this Governmt And with all cheerfullneſs ſhall apply our Selves to the Severall Branches of Inſtructions, containd in Your Lordſhps Letters.

Wee may not omit, humbly to repreſent to Your Lordſps that there being no direction for a ſupply of Members into the Councill, Except only in the Caſe of Death, Whereas by ye Removall, conſtant Sickness, or other avoidance of any of

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the Members, his Maj^{ties} Councill may Sometimes faile of a Quorum or more full appearance needfull for his Maj^{ties} Service It is therefore humbly offerr'd that in Such cases wherein there appears an impossibility, or refusall of Service, his Maj^{tie} would graciously graunt, that a supply of members may be appointed as in Case of Death.

Your Lordships Letters and recommendacon of Mr Robert Ratcliff to the performance of his function here have been Communicated to us, and the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants in Boston who do attend the worship of God with him, shall want no Incouragement from us, nor will Mr Ratcliffe faile of a good support and maintainance by their means.

Mr Mason one of the Members of his Maj^{ties} Councill here, is going home, to attend upon his Maj^{tie} in the affair of the Province of New Hampshire, and therefore we have recommended to him the p^{r}senting of our humble address unto his Maj^{tie} and these papers to your Lordsh^{ps} and by whose hand we may further have his Maj^{ties} and Your Lordsh^{ps} Commands transmitted to us.

Right Honble your Lordsh^{ps}
most humble and most obedient Seru^{ts}

Boston:
June ye 1: 1686.

John Pynchon
Pet: Bulkeley
R^{d} Wharton
Jonathan Tyng.

Joseph Dudley p^{r}si^{d}
William Stoughton
Robert Mason
J: Winthrop
EdRandolph Secry
Jno Usher
Edward Tyng.

[*Endorsed*]

[*Endorſed*] Boſton. 1 June 1686. From the Preſident & Councill to the Comittee. Rec^d & Read 23 July 1686. p M^r Maſon. Preſented at Windſer 26 July 1686.

26 JULY 1686. ADDRESS FROM PRESID^T & COUNCILL OF N. ENGLAND. [IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 1ST]

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (335).

To the Kings moſt Excellent Maj^tie

The Humble Addreſs of the Preſident and Councill of Your Maj^ties Territory and Dominion of New England in America.

May it Pleaſe Your Maj^tie

Wee account it an unſpeakable Satisfaction That this our firſt Addreſs may take its beginning in the Sincere Repreſentation of the true & unfeigned joy that we take and the humble thanks wee will alwayes render unto Almighty God, who hath Preſerved Your Maj^ties Sacred Perſon and Governm^t from the horrid Rebellion raiſed within Your Kingdomes, and ſo ſpeedily and wonderfully given a perfect defeate and iſſue thereto that the Rebells were utterly diſſipated and the heads of them brought to deſerved puniſhment, before the news of their execrable attempt could be brought thus farr.

And whereas it hath pleaſed Your moſt Sacred Maj^tie in Your Princely care and wiſdome ſo graciouſly to provide for ye Peace and future Settlement of this Your Maj^ties Territory and Dominion as to graunt us Your Royall Commiſſion for Government now received, and therein more eſpetially,

eſpetially, to favour us with ſo large and needfull an Indulgence in matters of Religion which unto this people hath ever been and ſtill is of moſt dear and tender regard Wee ſhould be altogeather wanting to our Selves and all Your Maj^ties^ good Subjects inhabiting within the Severall Provinces now united, if wee ſhould not proſtrate our Selves at Your Maj^ties^ feet in all humble thankfullneſs to Your Maj^tie^ for this ſo early regard and Care for us here. Your Maj^ties^ Commands therein tho' but a Very few dayes received, have been with all cheerfullneſs and Duty Perſued and Executed both by the Members of Your Maj^ties^ Councill, and by a generall appearance and acclamacon of Your Maj^ties^ dutyfull and Loyall Subjects Summon'd togeather for that end. Your Maj^ties^ Councill being Aſſembled in obedience to Your Royall Commiſſion Do humbly Pray that wee may yet receive from Your Maj^tie^ Such further Commands as may be neceſſary for Your Royall Service, and the more intire dependance of Your Maj^ties^ Territory and Dominion upon Your Maj^ties^ Sacred Perſon, and the Crown of England for future times for ever, And According to the directions and Comands given us, wee are humbly preparing to lay before Your Maj^tie^ our opinion of what further methods and Rules may be judged neceſſary for the good Governm^t^, happy increaſe, and growth of Your Maj^ties^ Plantations here And that the happy Repoſe and Quiet of all Your Maj^ties^ Dominions may long and Ever be continued to Your Maj^tie^ and the Crown of England to the worlds end, and that the influence thereof may never be wanting to your Maj^ties^ Dominions in theſe Parts is the Prayer of

Your Maj^ties^ moſt Dutifull and Loyall
Subjects

Subjects The Presid.t & Councill of Yo.r Maj.ties Territory and Dominion of New England

JOSEPH DUDLEY p.r sid.t

Robert Mason

Wait Winthrop	John Pynchon	William Stoughton
R.d Wharton	Peter Bulkeley	
EdRandolph Secr̃y.	Jn.o Usher	J: Winthrop.
John Hinks	Edward Tyng	
	Barth.l Gedney.	Jonathan Tyng

[*Endorsed*] N: England. 1686.
Address of the President & Councill to the King.
Presented at Windsor p M.r Mason: 26 July. 1686.

FROM Y.R PRESID.T @ COUNCIL OF NEW ENGL.D TO Y.E COM̃ITTEE.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (339).

Boston in New Eng.d
June y.e 19.th 1686.

Right Hon.ble

Wee hope our first letters to y.r Lords.ps are before now humbly presented to your Lords.ps by M.r Mason One of the Members of his Ma.ties Councill here, by whom y.e difficultyes arising in his Ma.ties Service will so farr be represented, and perticulerly Wee cannot avoid to lay before your Lords.pps the inconvenience hapning by y.e indispositions & refusall of Severall persons nominated in his Ma.ties most Gracious Commission: & the great distance of others from his Ma.ties town of Boston the vsuall place of meeting.

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ffor avoiding therefore any obſtruction in proſecuting his Maties ſeuerall commands in that Commiſſion to vs directed

Its humbly propoſed as very neceſſary for his Maties Seruice, and wee do accordingly nominate eight perſons, whoſe names are herevnto annexed to Supply thoſe vacancyes, Submitting in all duty & obedience their choice & appointment to his Matie, and waite his Maties Gracious anſweare So Soon as it Shall pleaſe your Lordſ^{ps} to report the Same vnto his Matie all which is moſt humbly Submitted to your Lordſ^{ps}

Right Honble
Your Lordſ^{ps} moſt humble & moſt obedient
Seru^{ts} Joſeph Dudley p^{r}ſi^{t}
William Stoughton
J : Winthrop
Ed Randolph Secry

by:

Mr Bradſtreet Major Saltenſtall Dudley Bradſtreet	do not accept ye Commiſſion.
Mr Champernoon weak & vnable to act in that Commiſſion	
Names of perſons to Supply their vacancyes	

Samuell Shrimpton :	Willm Brown ju.	Wait Winthrop
James Ruſſell	Sam. Sewall	R^{d} Wharton
Symon Linds	tho : Graues	Jno Uſher
Nicholas paige	Ric^{d} Smith.	Edward Tyng.

[*Addreſſed*] To the Right Honble the Lords Commiſſio^{rs} of forreign Trade and Plantations humbly p^{r}ſent.

[*Endorſed*] Boſton : 19 June 86. From the Preſident & Councill to y Comittee.
Rec^{d} 6 Aug. 86.

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EDWARD RANDOLPH TO GOVERNOR HINCKLEY OF PLYMOUTH RELATIVE TO TAXES FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS.

Rhode Iſland Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 199.

Rhode Iſland, June 22d. 1686.

Sir: I am come hither in my way to Narraganſett, and am here entertained with an unpleaſing ſtory, (if true), that is, about three weeks ſince ſome perſons of this place were at Scituate, where a Conſtable came and demanded three pounds of Edward Wanlaye, for to pay the Miniſter, and have treated others in the ſame manner. Truly, I am very ſorry, ſince his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to grant liberty of Conſcience in our government, that it ſhould be reſtrained in your Colony, without any particular directions from Whitehall.

Sir, let us bring the matter to the ſquare, and perhaps it will be as reaſonable to move that your Colony ſhould be rated to pay our Miniſter of the Church of England who now preaches in Boſton, and you hear him not, as to make the Quakers pay in your Colony, when what is a rule for us, is a very good direction to others; and may be applied ſecurely if not practiſed to the [reſt] of his Majeſty's ſubjects, who are all entitled to that bleſſing and favor; which I leave to your very ſerious conſideration, and am your aſſured friend,

ED. RANDOLPH

To Francis Hinckley, Eſq^r
Governor of New Plymouth Collony.

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MR. RANDOLPH TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 1686.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 291.

[July 7th according to Mr. Palfrey.]

May it pleaſe your Grace,

I have forborne riteing to your grace till I had been ſome time upon the place, to ſee how the poore people here would demean themſelves under this new government. At my firſt arrivall I met with outward expreſſions of joy and ſatisfaction, and many ſeemed well pleaſed at the change, having been ſtruck with a panick feare upon the aprihention of Colonel Kurcks [Kirke] coming hither to be theire governor; but finding a commiſſion directed to a gentleman borne among themſelves, the then governor and companie, growing hardie by theire miniſters, began to perſwade Mr. Dudlie not to except of his Majeſties Commiſſion to be preſident, hoping thereby to continue the government among themſelves: But that faileing them, they adjourned the meeting of their generall aſſembly to the ſecond of October next, and ſo broke up with hopes that either ſome unhappie accident in affairs of ſtate at home, or by diſſenſion raiſed by their artifices among the members in this new government, they might prevaile ſo far as to diſſolve this new conſtitution and then reaſſume the government, which to accompliſh they are ſoliſſitouſe. I take leave humbly to remind, that when your grace was preſent at a committee of the Lords and was therein pleaſed to move, that one of theire meeting houſes in Boſton ſhould be ordered to be ſet apart for the exerciſe of the religion according

according to the church of England, it was then anſwered by ſome of thoſe noble Lords who diſcourſed in theire favour, provided they might have libertie of conſcience in matters of religion, they would voluntarilie ſubmit to have one of theire three meeting houſes to be diſpoſed of by the preſident and councell, for that uſe. Since my arrivall with Mr. Ratcliffe, a ſober man, recommended by my Lord of London to be our miniſter; who beſides his Lordſhips faire teſtimonials, brought with him a letter from the right honourable the Lords of the committee for trade and foraine plantations to the preſident and councell for their countenance and incouridgement in the diſcharge of his office; yet twas a long time before they tooke the leaſt notice of him or his buſineſs; at laſt, though ſtrongly oppoſed, I got a little roome in the towne houſe, for ſuch as were for the church of England to aſſemble in, but found it ſo ſtraite that we are forced now to make uſe of the exchange for that purpoſe; where to humor the people our miniſter preaches twice a day and baptiſes all that come to him, ſome infants, ſome adult perſons; we are now come to have praiers every Wedneſday and Friday mornings on their exchange, and reſolve not to be baffled by the great affronts; ſome calling our miniſter Baals prieſt, and ſome of their meniſters, from the pulpit, calling our praiers leeks, garlick and traſh. We have often moved for an honourable maintenance for oure meniſter; but they tell us thoſe that hire him muſt mainetaine him, as they maintaine their own meniſters, by contribution. Of a preſident and eighteen members of the councell, there is onely myſelfe, ſince Mr. Maſon's departure for England, that is of the church of England, and twas never intended that that

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charge ſhould be ſupported by myſelfe and ſome few others of oure communion.

I humbly repreſent to your grace, that the three meeting houſes in Boſton might pay twentey ſhillings a weeke, a piece, out of their contribution, towards the defraieing our church charges; that ſume being leſs per annum than each of their miniſters receive. We have yet neceſſitie for another miniſter to come over to us; for if any illneſs or indiſpoſition happen to the preſent incumbent, we have no man heere to performe the office. I am not to forgit to your grace the banke of monie in the hands of the corporation for evangelizing the Indians. Your grace was very deſireous that the monie might be inquired after, and applied to build us a church and a free ſchooll, that our youth might be no longer poyſoned with the ſeditious principles of this country: I am told that there is not less than two thouſand pounds here, but adventure not to ſtir the leaſt in it, having all redie brought upon my ſelfe ſo many enemiſe, and to all my crimes added this one as the greateſt in bringing the letherdge [liturgy] and ceremoniſe of the church of England to be obſerved amongſt us, and this day is a commencement at our collidge, which your grace was pleaſed to honoure with a preſent of the learned Hamonds works, that rich man: They are all at preſent more taken up in puting in one Morton of Neventongreen, a rank independent, to be theire precident, than to ſhew any reſpect which is due to youre graceous preſent, and I cannot expect it ſhould be otherwiſe till his Majeſty ſhall be pleaſed to ſend us a generall governor from England.

Thus much relating to theſe affaires of oure church, that of

of our ſtate little differs; moſt part of our chiefe officers, as juſtices of the peace &c. are congregationall men, and not above three church of England men; and not above three church of England officers in the militia; ſo that in the maine I can only aſſure your grace that the perſons onely and not the government is changed.

Now from all this, after ſo many hazards and difficulties which I have gon throw in the proſecution of his Majeſties ſervice in New England, I am, by their malicioufe practices, made very uneaſie; and ſuch perſons who reape particular advantages by the change of government hate me for accompliſhing it, and are makeing parties and factions to miſrepreſent me to his Majeſtie. Amongſt thoſe many noble Lords of his Majeſties moſt honourable previe Councell, who have all along countenanced and furthered my hartie deſigns to ſerve his Majeſtie, Sir, there eminently appeared for me. I humblie pray, upon all occaſions, the continuance of your graceouſe favour, by which I ſhall be better inabled to attend his Majeſties affairs heer committed to my care, and I ſhall remain in all dutie your graces.

Edward Randolph to Sir Robert Southwell.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

S^r^ Boſton July 10th 86

I heartily thanke you for ye extraordinary favour of yours by Capt Jones of Briſtoll of the 3 of Aprill laſt & for your good wiſhes to me & mine. Capt. Jones ſhall have all the favour & kindnes this country & the lawes of England will allow. S^r^ I find you had newes of the ſeverity wee underwent

went in a very dangerous & more tedious voyage & who would otherwiſe expect, but coming with ſuch an olive branch in my mouth, but I ſhould meet with from all partyes & places a gratefull reception. I confeſſe at my firſt landing all people told me they were glad to ſee me: & I knowing then no reaſon to the contrary beleived them: but when the Gom^t^ was in the hands of the Preſ^t^ & Councill: I found twas ſtill but ye Govr & Company: with this alteration onely: they goodmen were moſt of them old & infirm & had lands enough: But our Preſid^t^ in the firſt place turnes out an underſtanding man Clerk of the County Court in Boſton worth above 100^li^ a yeare to make way for his ſon a ſtripling of 16 yeares old and to make it worth his while has added 3 fourth parts of the perquiſites of my office of Secry & Regiſter & to humble me has countenanced Capt George Command^r^ of the frigott & lett him into all the profitts of my office of Surveyor & allowes him to make ſeizure or to proſecute as an informer during his ſhipp lying at an anchor within 2 cables length of Boſton. I agree if he were in his ſtation cruſing off at ſea he ſhould have all the reſpect due to a Capt of a kings ſhip & all the encouragem^t^ that he could expect: But to lye in harbour & hector ſo that our Councill are afraid to ſpeak to him or refuſe what he propoſes is of very ill conſequence & all turnes to my unhappy account: Not long ſince I ſent one of my deputyes of the Cuſtoms in the Cap^ts^ long boat to ſee what ſhip was plying off out of Command: I did but deſire to ſpeak to my deputy at his return to give me an account of the veſſell. & called him to me but the coxon of ye man of warr rudely denied it in the open ſtreet upon which I called him ſawcy fellow & that

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deſervd to be laid by ye heels. The Capt. came in a great fury to my houſe & abuſed me beyond expreſſion with a deſign to engage him to drawe upon me This is encouraged by the faction who care not if wee were both hangd & makes me very uneaſye. They have not ſpared my wife but Mr Unton Dering a reformade aboard our ſhip who knew that my wife thro her husbands improvidence was brought from a very good eſtate to undertake to nurſe one of my Lady Nottinghams children where she lived with reputation & gaind 100^li towards ſatisfiing her huſbands debts: but they report here that ſhe was never married but was a Miſs: & you need not queſtion but upon Capt Georges countenancing ſuch reports it gaines creditt but is a great trouble to my wife. All this makes me think the tyme long till Sr Edmund comes over to us: for our Preſid^t is ſo much a Gent that he gives the preference to Capt George but makes the Goverm^t very cheap.

The frigott lyes ſtill & I have loſt above 500^lb by not having liberty to proſecute according to my office. I am heartily glad to heare ye young ladyes are all well & that Mr Southwell is entring the happy ſtate of a univerſity life for a little tyme. My contract for maſts goes on very well & I queſtion not but to give his Mat good ſatisfaction in that undertaking. I expect to be aſſalled at Court with all the Calumnies envy & ingratitude can muſter up I deſire onely to be heard upon the place by his Matie Govr who will treat me impartially: theſe have no other quarrell but my indefatigable deſires to ſerve his Mat^ie which I ſhall alwayes do & remain S^r your moſt obliged & moſt

humble ſerv^t ED. RANDOLPH.

To Sr Robt Southwell

LETTER

Letter from New England concerning Acts of Trade, Mr. Ratcliffe; &c.

State Papers, Colonial Entry Book, 109, p. 1.

At the Committee for Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Friday the 23d of July 1686.

Present: Lord Chancelor, Duke of Albemarle, Earl of Craven, Earl of Middleton.

New England. A Letter from ye President and Council of the first of June.

Gives an Account of the Settlement of the Government.

A Letter from the President and Council of New England to the Committee, dated the first of June last, is read, giving their Lops an account That, pursuant to His Maty's Commission, they had met at Boston the 25th of May last, and having taken the Oaths required thereby, they had appointed Justices and other Officers for keeping the Peace in the Countys and Principal Towns within their Government and had setled the Militia; That they had vnder consideration the support of the Government, and were preparing strict methods for pursuing the Acts of Trade and Navigation;

The Minister recommended by their Lps should not fail of a good support.

That pursuant to their Lops letter of Recommendation of Mr Robert Ratliff for the performance of his Function as Minister, hee should want noe encouragement nor fail of a good support and maintenance there.

Their Address to be presented by Mr Mason.

That they had recommended to Mr Mason one of the Council, the Presenting their Address to His Maty

Mr Mason to attend at Windsor.

Whereupon Mr Mason attending is called in and ordered to Attend His Maty at Windsor next Sunday

Sunday with the Addreſs of the Preſident and Council of New England. And their Lo^ps^ think fit that notice bee taken thereof in the Gazet; which was done accordingly.

Mem^r^ On Sunday the 25th of July 1686 M^r^ Maſon accordingly preſented the Addreſs of the Preſident and Council of New England to His Ma^ty^; expreſſing their Joy for the Preſervation of His Ma^ty^ from the late Rebellion; and acknowledging His Ma^ty^'^s^ Favor in ye providing for ye peace @ Settlem^t^ of that His Ma^ty^'^s^ Territory @ Dominion, And in the Indulgence granted them in matters of Religion.

Order ab^t^ the Colledge in Cambridge in New England.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (358).

At a Meeteing of the Honble Preſ^dt^ & Councill
At Cambridge July 23th Ann^o^ Dom^i^ 1686.

Preſent: Joſeph Dudley, Eſq^r^, Preſid^t^; Willm Stoughton, Eſq^r^, D: preſid^t^; John Pincheon, Peter Bulkely, Waite Winthrop, Barth^o^ Gidney, John Vſher, Eſq^r^s.

It was Vnanimouſly agreed Vpon & declared —

1: That the Reverend Mr Increaſe Mather be deſired to Except of the Rectorſhip of the Collidge, & make his Vſuall Viſitatt.

2: That Mr John Leverett & Mr Wm Brattle be the tutors and Enter Vpon ye Gouernment of the Collidge & mannage ye publique readeing in the hall.

3: That Charles Towne fferry & Mr Penoyers Legacy, i: e:

i: e: One Moyety of it as it falleth be Settled Vpon y^e^ ſaid tutors as theire Sallery.

4: That theire Pewpills Each of them pay to their reſpectiue Tutors tenn Shills p Quarter for theire tuition.

5: That Andrew Boademan the preſent Cooke of the Collidge doe henceforth manage the office of Steward in the mañer as of late.

Octo^r^ 1st 1686.

Ordered that Sr Gibbes, Rogers: Mitchell, & Dudley, Shall be Schoolars of the houſe for ye Yeare Inſueing, & that they be allowed at ye leaſt fiue pounds a peece.

Compared with the Originall: — EdRandolph.

[*Endorſed*] N. England. 23: July 86. Order about the Colledge in Cambridg in New Eng^d^
Rec^d^ 25 May 168[8] from Mr Randolph.

John Palmer to Edward Randolph.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 36.

Pemaquid July 24. 1686

Sr Since my departure from Boſton have diſcovered that Capt. Phillip Severett Command^t^ of the Ship Johanna of Piſcattaway hath lately ſailed from Malliga to Penobſcott River within this part of his Maties Collony of New Yorke & there unloading his cargoe being about 70 Pipes of Mallaga Wines 2 Pipes of Oyle 1 of Brandy about 16 or 17 Barrells of ffruits which was left on a bank by the River ſide covered part with a ſayle and part with Bowes & two men

men left to looke after itt, & that ye empty ſhip was gone for Piſcattaway & have ſent y^e ſloope with orders to ſeize the ſame, which they did notwithſtanding ye oppoſition made by Caſtine and have brought 41 Pipes thereof to this Place and am now ſending againe for ye Reſt a particular acct of all proceedings have wrott to ye Preſd^t to which refer you & hope you will give all aſſiſtance to ſeize & ſecure y^e ſaid ſhip that ſhe may be proceeded ag^t as deſired.

I am S^r

yor humble Servt

J. PALMER.

MR. EDWARD RANDOLPH TO MR. BLAITHWAIT.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 288.

Boſton, July 28th, 1686.

Sir,

Incloſed is a letter ſent ſome time ſince from the government of Road Iſland, they call it a ſurrender of their charter. I have ſince the receipt of it called on them in my way to Hartford in Connecticott, the governor tells me they will paſs a ſurrender in fuller tearmes under the ſeale of their colony, but are willing to have this ſent. I was with the governor of Connecticott and delivered to him the quo woranto. I ſuppoſe they intend not to ſtand it out, our councill have ſent Major Pincheon and Capt. Winthrop to Hartford to perſwade them to accommodate the matter, ſo as they may be added to the government here; how farr that will prevaile I know not; they are ſenſible of Mr. Dudleyes encroachment on all and every ſide, and are unwilling

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to truſt him, and are ſtrongly invited to come under New Yorke, but it is more for the publick advantage to have that colony continued to us. Since my goeing to Hartford, the preſident has ſo contrived the matter that Capt. George has received above two hundred pounds mony which legally belongs to me who, as collector and informer, ought to be admitted to proſecute a ſhip laden with Scotch goods, but its all as Capt. George pleaſes, the preſident and he carry all as they pleaſe, to the great diſſatisfaction of the members of the councill, that now inſtead of meeting to do publick buſineſs, tis only to quarrill and that in ſuch heats that I feare it will occaſion the deſolving this government. I am forced to moderate others paſſions (tho' I have moſt cauſe to complaine) and quietly to ſuffer my proffitts to be ſhared out amongſt others till Sir Edmund Andros come over; he is longed for by all ſober men who find themſelves abuſed by the falſe preſident. Mr. Wharton is comeing over our agent, I have offered Mr. Maſon at leaſt to be joined with him, but I think I cannot gett it to paſs.

There will be I fear an eruption betwixt the French of Nova Scotia and our people in Mayne and New Hampſhire, occaſioned by Capt. Palmer and Mr. Weſt of New Yorke, who being at the fort of Pemmequid and haveing advice of a ſhip of Piſcattaqua which landed wine at Ponopſcutt belonging, as they ſay, to Nova Scotia, they by force went aſhoar and took of the wine: I referr you to the incloſed, a copie of Mr. Palmers letter: The governor of New-Yorke I am told has given them directions to claim all the land as farr eaſtward as the river St. Croix. We have ſent to all places to warne our people and to the fiſhermen, not venter upon their

their coaſts, leaſt they be ſurpriſed, and made to anſwer for damages done by ſtrangers. Juſt now I have received a letter from my good friend Mr. Chaplin, who acquaints me of your happy recovery from a dangerous ſickneſs, for which I returne hearty thancks to allmighty God. Mr. Stoughton is inclined to the nonconformiſt miniſters, yet ſtands right to his Majeſtyes intereſt. Mr. Uſher is made a great criminall for informing againſt Moody and Allin, who are ſtirring up the people to rebellion, he is a juſt honeſt man, and will not ſee his Majeſtyes intereſt ſuffer. But we are over voted and cannot help ourſelves till Sir Edmund come to regulate the matter. Sir, I am under great difficultyes, and were it not for my ingagement in the buſineſs of the maſts, I would once more make a journey over, for I am treated by Mr. Dudley worſe than by Mr. Danforth, yet all under the pretence of friendſhip, and is angry that I do not believe him. Honeſt Major Buckley is quite tyred out and can hardly be perſwaded to come to Boſton. This is our preſent diſtracted condition. Wee have only patience and our friends aſſiſtance to depend upon in England for redreſs.

I remaine, Sir, &c.

Sir, I am informed that the land whereon the wine was landed have been allwayes deemed to belong to the French and was the very place formerly belonging to Sir Thomas Temple, and was delivered up to the French upon the articles of Breda by Capt. Wibourne, by his Majeſty's ſpeciall command, in exchange for the Engliſh plantation on St. Chriſtophers and that done about the yeare 1667.

Sir, Some of the members of the Councill are of opinion that

that ſince the conſtitution of this government is by a preſident and councill, who united are all but governor, that therefore they ought to have a proportionable ſhare of the profitt as well as the charge and burthen, haveing not one penny comeing to them as members of the councill more then to any juſtice of the peace; ſome ſtay here five or ſix weeks together and neglect their own buſineſs, and have nothing to defrey their ordinary charges, beſides loſs of time, which they have deſired me to repreſent and pray your opinion thereupon, as alſo whether the preſident is *virtute officij* the ordinary to grant adminiſtrations and to allow the probate of wills, he producing no authority from his Majeſties lords of the councill, or from my Lord of London.

LRE FROM MR. RANDOLPH. [TO THE COMMITTEE]

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (82).

Boſton in New England
July 28: 1686.

May it pleaſe yr. Lordſpe

Purſuant to his Maties Order in Councill of ye 15th of July 1685 directing Mr. Atturney Genll to cauſe writts of Quo Warranto to be brought agt the Charters of ye Colonyes of Road Iſland & Connecticutt in New Engd. I haue accordingly Serued thoſe writts tho' by a tedious paſſage of almoſt 6 months from London to this place. the tyme of their return was lapſ'd: howeuer the Gour of Connecticutt vpon my deliuering the writt to him at Hartford on ye 21 inſtant has appointed a meeting of the Genll Court of that Colony to be called together to Surrender their Charter to his Maties

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if not perſwaded by the factious party here (who are vnwilling to depend vpon his Maties favour) to Stand a tryall: onely to gain tyme & delay his Maties Sending ouer a Gen^ll^ Gou^r^ vpon my giuing the Gou^r^ of Road Iſland the Summons of the writt, he aſſembled the ffreemen & they haue drawn a petition & Addreſſe to bee forthwith humbly preſented to his Matie

I intended long before this tyme humbly to lay before your Lordſ^ps^ a more early account of the preſent ſtate of this Gom^t^ but haue forbore, to ſee what effects his Maties gracious Commiſſion of a New Conſtitution of Gom^t^ containing liberty of Conſcience would haue vpon ye people of this Colony: which at my firſt arriuall was receiued with all outward ſhew of Satisfaction: and a Complement of Gratitude was returned his Matie for that favour; But ſince the proceedings of the preſident & Councill, what euer they write or pretend in their letters to your Lordſ^ps^ are managed to ye Incouragement of the Independent faction; & vtter diſcountenancing both the Miniſter & thoſe Gent & others, who dare openly profeſſe themſelues to be of the Church of England, not hauing any allowance for Our Miniſter more then wee Raiſe by contribution amongſt our ſelues; the form of this Gom^t^ onely is Changed, for Our Independent Miniſters flouriſh and expect to be adviſed with in publick affaires: I need no other arguments to confirm the truth hereof to your Lordſ^ps^ Then to Say That but two of the Preſent Members of ye Councill viz: M^r^ Maſon & my ſelfe are of the Church of England; That of aboue 60 Officers in the Militia of this whole Gom^t^ there are not aboue 2 captaines & 2 or 3 inferior officers but are either Church Members or Such

Such as conſtantly frequent thoſe meetings: which makes Nonconformiſts from all places reſort heither: about 2 months ago One Mr Mourton an Excommunicated Miniſter came heither from Newington Green: he was welcomed by our Preſident & deſigned to be made head of Our Colledge: But not daring to proceed at firſt by ſuch larg ſtepps; he is called to be miniſter at Charles town a very good liuing, & is ready at hand to be the Preſident of the Colledge.

Two brothers of the name of Bayleyes great & daring Non Conformiſts miniſters at lymbrick in Ireland haue been here theſe 2 yeares and well provided for: in the tyme of Munmouths Rebellion moſt part of the Miniſters animated the people Saying the tyme of their deliuerance was at hand & not one of them prayed for his Maty & would not giue Creditt to his Maties gracious letter Signffiing the Ouerthrow of the Rebells: I humbly propoſe as greatly for ye quiett & welfare of this plantation of N. Engd that no miniſter from England be admitted to land without the licence of the Genll Gour & That he haue power to licence or reſtrain from preaching publickly ſuch as are already vpon ye place ffrom all which it will appeare very needfull that his Maties would be graciouſly pleaſed to ſend us ouer a Genll Gour to vnite & Settle this diſtracted Country & alſo to make good what is newly begun in this Colony the delayes whereof may be of euill Conſequence and giue way to the factious poeple here to reaſſume the Goverm: which they openly declare they haue not parted with all but expect an opportunity to be reſtored.

And as to the diſcharg of the truſt repoſed in me: I humbly repreſent to your Lordips That vnder Colour of his Maties

Authority

Authority the preſident takes great liberty to impoſe vpon me in my Station & would not aſſiſt me to make a Seizure of a veſſell in the Harbour which my Officers were not permitted to board: I am by all accounted the Sole Enemy of the Country hauing been for 11 yeares attending his Matie Commands in this affaire & by ſeruing the writts vpon ye other Colonyes my life will be made very vneaſy vnleſſe his Matie ſhall be pleaſed graçiouſly to recommend me to the Care & protection of his Gen^ll^ Gou^r^ for whoſe ſpeedy arrivall all Good men heartily pray.

All which is humbly Submitted
by your Lordſ^pps^
moſt humble Ser^t^
EdRandolph

To the Right Honble the Lords of the
Committee for trade & foraign Plantations.

[*Endorſed*] Letter from Mr Randolph,
July 28th
Read at the Com^tee^
Oct. 13: 1686.

Edward Randolph to Dr Wm Sancroft Archbishop of Canterbury.

New England Hiſtorical Genealogical Regiſter, Vol. XXXVII. p. 270.

Boſton in New England Augt 2: 1686.

May it pleaſe your Grace.

Its long ſince I received your Grace's Bleſſing and alſo your Grace's noble gift of Dr Hammonds work beſtowed on our Colledge: I intended long ſince to give y^r^ Grace an account

account of my proceedings therein; but I have forborn that I might have opportunity to make y^r Grace ſome remarks upon this new Conſtitution of Gov^t. At my firſt Landing which was not till the 14th of May laſt, I was received by the honeſt party, very kindly, who upon ye frigotts tedious paſſage did all feare that I was caſt away with his Maj'ties Commiſſioners. The factious party were of opinion, that (according to their prayers) God would never ſuffer me to land againe in this Country and thereupon began in a moſt arbitrary manner to aſſert their power higher then at any tyme before, and having made it a capitall offence to ſay their charter was vacated were proſecuting a Merch^t in Boſton worth 10,000£ to death or Baniſhment in ſaying only, that he hoped the frigott would arrive, and that very morning I landed he was to be brought upon his Tryall; but that was adjourn'd ſine die. 'Twas with great difficulty that wee obtain'd ye Govm^t on ye 25th following & then 3 of ye perſons nominated to be of ye Councill refuſed to accept & be ſworn; upon their ſond opinion that their Govm^t is in being and that alth^o his Maj^tie has obtained a judgm^t ag^t their charter, yet they have not conſented and therefore hope ſome providence like that of Munmouth's Rebellion may fall out wch will reſtore them to their former priviledges & enjoyment of their precious things (which God avert) however, that they may have ſome footing the Late Govr & Company before they broke up adjourned themſelves to y^e ſecond Wedneſday in Oc^t next & this is one great reaſon which ſtill ſupports the faction. I know y^r Grace may queſtion why this new Govm^t would ſuffer an adjournm^t to ſtand upon Record but when y^r Grace has the account of the perſons

ſons now in Govn^t that matter will be eaſily anſwered. As to Mr Dudley our Preſident he is a N: Conformiſt miniſter & for ſeverall yeares preach'd in New Eng^d till he became a Magiſtrate & So continued for many yeares, but finding his intereſt to faile amongſt that party, ſett up for a King's man, and when in London, he made his application to my Lord of London and was well liked of by ſome about his late Maj^ties perſon, whereupon he was appointed for this turn to be preſident, who at my arrivall with all outward expreſſions of duty & loyalty received his Maj^ties Commiſſion. Sweetned with liberty of conſcience, and now we believed wee had gain'd the point ſuppoſing the Preſident our own for ye C of Eng^d. At the opening his Majeſties Commiſſion I deſired Mr Ratcliffe our miniſter to attend the ceremony & ſay Grace, but was refuſed. I am not to forgett that in the late rebellion of Munmouth not one Miniſter op'ned his lipps to pray for the King hoping that the tyme of their deliverance from monarchy & popery was at hand. Some tyme after the ſettlem^t of the Gov^t I moved for a place for the C: of England men to aſſemble in; after many delayes, at laſt wee gott a ſmall Room in ye town houſe, but our Company increaſing beyond the expectation of the Govn^t wee now uſe ye Exchange, and have ye comon prayer and two ſermons every Sunday & at 7 o'clock in ye morning on Wedneſdays & frydays the whole ſervice of ye church, and ſome Sundays 7 or 8 perſons are in one day Baptized, and more would dayly be of our Communion had wee but the company & countenance of the Preſident & Councill, but inſtead thereof wee are neglected & can obtain no maintenance from them to ſupport our Miniſter. Butt had

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wee a Gen[ll] Gov[r] wee ſhould ſoon have a larg congregation and alſo one of the churches in Boſton, as your Grace was pleaſed to propoſe when theſe matters were debated at y[e] Councill Table. I humbly remind your Grace of the money granted formerly for Evangelizing the Indians in our neighbourhood. Its a great pitty that there ſhould be a Conſiderable ſtock in this Country (but how imployed I know not) & wee want 7 or 800£ to build us a church. Their miniſtry exclaim ag[t] y[e] Common Prayer, calling it, mans Invention & there is more hopes that whoremongers & adulterers will go to heaven than thoſe of ye C of Eng[d]; by theſe wicked doctrines they poiſon the people and their miniſters Carry it as high as ever. In regard the preſident & all the Councill ſave M[r] Maſon & myſelfe are C members or hangers on: and could they gett me out of the Councill their work was done; but now they can paſſe no orders without my knowledge. They give all encouragement to phannatticks of all Sects & receive them from all places. About 2 months ago here arrived one M[r] Mourton from Newington Green, he was under excommunication, yet treated by the preſid[t] & ſome of y[e] Councill with great reſpect: and was deſigned to be head of our colledge but that was too large a ſtep, they therefore call him to a very good living at Charleſtown neer Cambridge, where he is ready for y[e] Colledge preferment. The Preſident has often told me that they intended to receive y[r] Graces Gift of D[r] Hammonds works with great ſolemnity, but both in that & in things of a higher nature relating to his Maj[ties] Service I find him very treacherous, and now my 11 yeares experience of theſe people confirmes to me; that there muſt be ſomething more then wax & parchment

parchment to reduce them to their perfect duty & obedience, for alth^{e} the old Gov^{t} is dead in Law yett 'tis revived in ye prefid^{t} & Councill, and how can it be otherwife expected when as every C member in full Comunion is obliged by Oath to obferve the orders of his church & parfon & liable to Open Cenfure upon neglect. So that I looke upon what our Prefid^{t} now does in accepting the Commiffion is a thing difpenc'd with to ferve ye turn, for the tyme he has been in, makes it his bufinefs to oblige that party & fo ftrongly drives on his private intereft that the members of the Councill are unwilling to meet; So that I feare the Govn^{t} will be loft unleffe his Maj^{tie} will be pleafed to fend us a Gen^{ll} Govr with all convenient fpeed; otherwife both myfelfe & thofe of ye Church of Eng^{d} muft leave the place. Your Grace can hardly imagine the fmall artifices they have ufed to prevent our meetings on Sundays, and at all other tymes to ferve God: they have libelled my wife & our minifter, and this is done (as credibly beleived) by ye minifter of the fregott yett its Countenanced by the faction: who have endeavoured to make breach in my family betwixt me & my wife, and have accomplifhed another defigne in fetting up & fupporting Capt Georg, Commander of the Rofe fregott againft me; this is their mafterpeece for he being a ftranger beleives what they fay, when at the fame tyme they would rejoice to fee us or any others intrufted by his Majefty hang'd at our doors. Now as to myfelfe, your Grace may pleafe to remember what complaints I have juftly made of their ill treatment, wch I received at Bofton for attending his Maj^{ties} fervice. Who would have queftioned, but that my bringing over an Olive Branch to wit, liberty of confcience, that I

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ſhould bee received wth all reſpect, but the very thought of chang in their Govn^{t} makes them much more my enemys then before, ſo that from y^{e} ſeverall grounds of their irreconſilable quarrell, I am attack'd from every part: the Miniſters quarrell for my bringing in ye Comon prayer, the old magiſtrates and freemen for vacating their Charter: the mobile are troubled that the Lawes of Eng^{d} are in force; & the Merch^{ts} for putting the acts of trade in full execution: by which they have loſt ſeverall ſhips & large quantityes of Goods; the proprietors of Main are troubled that province is taken from them & is now (being well ſtored with Maſts & other navall Stores) become his Majeſtys; the Tavern Keepers & victualling houſes Curſe me for advancing their exciſe whereas ye preſid^{t} has farmed it out & his ſon has one third of ye profitt: the other Colonys have a great charge ag^{t} me for ſerving Quo warranto ag^{t} their Charters, and all are highly incenſed to ſee me their enemy his Majeſties Secretary of the Councill here: but without his Maj^{ties} Extraordinary favour & protection I am like to expect Sampſons fate, for ſuch is their implacable malice that Oliver the late Tyrant was not more ingrateful to the Royaliſts then I am to the moſt of the people & now nothing can ſettle this diſtracted country & checq the Inſolencyes of this people but a ſober & unbyaſſed Gent^{n} from England to be our Govr; who muſt hold the raines of Gov^{t} in his hands & reſtrain the liberty of Conſcience which they now groſly abuſe. Its neceſſary ye Govr licence all their miniſters & that none be called to be a paſtor of a congregation without his approbation; by this method alone the whole country will eaſily be regulated and then they will build us a church and be will-

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ing to allow our Miniſtry an honorable maintenance. Wee have a ſober prudent Gent[n] to be our miniſter & well approved; but in caſe of Sickneſs or other cauſualtyes if he have not one ſent from Eng[d] to helpe him our church is loſt, 'tis therefore neceſſary that another ſober man come over to aſſiſt; for ſome tymes 'tis requiſite that one of them viſits the other colonyes to baptize & adminiſter the ſacrament, and in regard wee cannot make 40£ a yeare ſterl[g] by contributions for ſupport of him & his aſſiſtant, 'twould be very gratefull to our church affaires if his Maj[ty] would pleaſe to grant us his Royall letters — that the 3 meeting houſes in Boſton, which ſeverally collect 7 or 8£ on a Sunday, do pay to our church warden 20[s] a weeke[7] for each meeting houſe which will be ſome encouragement to our Miniſters, and theſe they can but raiſe againſt y[e] ſervice of y[e] church, they have greate ſtocks & were they directed to contribute to build us a church or part from one of their meeting houſes ſuch as wee ſhould approve, they would purchaſe that exemption at a great rate, and they could but call us papiſts, and our Miniſters but Baal's Prieſts: as to D[r] Hammonds works, they are with me, but ready to be placed in the library as ſoon as the colledge is duly regulated that matter alſo muſt attend the ſanction of a Gen[ll] Gov[r] in which I queſtion not but your Grace will pleaſe to continue your Aſſiſtance, in regard the beginning was promoted by your Grace's favour.

I humbly beg in all Duty your Graces Bleſſing and remain your Graces moſt obedient and moſt Humble ſervant

E[D] RANDOLPH.

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[7] 20 £ in the printed copy, which is evidently a miſtake.

by my matter and ye length of my difcourfe your Grace will eafily find I write from New England of which place Our minifter and my felfe are fufficiently tyred. I could fay more &c &c.

Case of John Gould, Charged with Treason.

Maffachufetts Hiftorical Society Collections, Third Series, Vol. VII. p. 151.

Bofton, Sc.

To the Keeper of his Majefty's Jail in Bofton.

The Prefident of his Majefty's Territory and Dominion of New England, with the Deputy Prefident and others of his Majefty's Council, in Council affembled, the 5th day of Auguft, 1686, having received information upon the oaths of Ifaac Cummings, John Wild and John How, of feveral treafonable and feditious words fpoken by John Gould of Topsfield, againft our Sovereign Lord the King &c. Thefe are, therefore, in his Majefty's name, to require you to take into your Cuftody the body of the faid John Gould, and him fafely keep, until he fhall be delivered by due courfe of Law, and for fo doing this fhall be your warrant, given at the Council Houfe in Bofton, the faid 5th day of Auguft, Anno Dom. 1686, Anno que R. R. Jacobi Dei Gratia Angliae &c. — fecundi.

Vera Copia — Ed. Randolph, *Sec.*

By the Prefident and Council of his Majefty's Territory and Dominion of New England.

Upon reading the petition of John Gould, now prifoner in the Jail of Bofton, defiring liberty of the Prifon yard to

to walk in, by reaſon of his indiſpoſition of body. It is Ordered,

That the Priſon keeper do permit the ſaid John Gould, to have the benefit of the Priſon yard, to walk in during his ſicknefs, (the Keeper taking care the ſaid Gould make not an eſcape), till further order.

ED. RANDOLPH, *Sec'ry.*

Council Houſe, Boſton, }
Auguſt 12. 1686 }

Ordered that upon the petitioner's payment of the ſum of twenty pounds to the Treaſurer, and Priſon fees and fees of Proſecution, that he be diſcharged his impriſonment upon giving bond for his good behaviour.

ED. RANDOLPH. *Secretary.*

Aug. 15. 1686.

By the Preſident and Council of his Majeſty's Territory and Dominion of New England.

Upon reading the petition of John Gould, and conſidering the poverty of his family, it is ordered,

That upon the payment of Fifty Pounds in money, and charges of Proſecution, the remainder of his fine be reſpited and he be releaſed of his impriſonment, he giving bonds for his good behaviour, according to order of Court.

ED. RANDOLPH. *Secretary*

Aug 25th. 1686

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTOMS IN LONDON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 53.

Sr Wee have yo^rs of the 30th of June laſt adviſing us of yor Seizure of Two ſmall veſſells vizt the Swallow Joſhua Weſt Maſter and the Succeſs Joſhua Glover Maſter the latter of wch Belongs to Scotland and hath been an' old Tranſgreſſor Soe that Wee hope there will be noe failure in yor Part in the Effectuall Proſecucon thereof wch Wee ſhall owne a very good ſervice and becauſe you Informe us that the Pinke Succeſs was Loaden moſtly wth Scotch goods for wch he produced his Cocquetts Wee deſire you to ſend the ſame to us by the firſt Veſſell bound hither, Whereby Wee may Probably detect ſome of our officers whome Wee have ſuſpected to be guilty of giving out counterfeit Cocquetts and other Diſpatches to the Prejudice of his Ma^tys Duties Wee ſhall expect to heare from you by all Convenient opportunity and be ready to give you all Countenance and aſſiſtance in the diſcharge of yor Duty We reſt

Your loving freinds

SAM CLARKE
CH. CHEYNE
JO. WERDEN
J. BUCKWORTH
WEBSTER

Cuſtomeh^o Lond^o
ye 7. Aug^st 1686
Duplicate

Mr. Randolph New England

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EDWARD RANDOLPH TO THE LORD TREASURER.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Third Series, Vol. VII. p. 154.

Boſton in New England Aug 23. 1686

May it pleaſe your Lordſhip,

By the bleſſing of God and your Lordſhip's favour, I have performed his Majeſty's commands, and brought this people to a nearer dependence upon the Crown. I have likewiſe ſerved 2 writs of *Quo Warranto*, upon the other 2 Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Iſland, who are preparing to make their humble ſubmiſſion to his Majeſty, But unleſs his Majeſty pleaſe, in a very ſhort time, to ſend us over a General Governor from England, all that is already done, will be of little advantage to his Majeſty's intereſt. The independent faction ſtill prevails, and perſons of dangerous principles from England, Ireland and other places, are here received and highly encouraged. They have put Captain Blackwell, Oliver, [Cromwell's] treaſurer, in London, ſon in law to Lambert, excepted in the Act of Indemnity, and a violent Commonwealth's man, to be of the commiſſion of the peace and a man conſulted with in all public affairs. The independent miniſters and others, make every ill uſe of his Majeſty's indulgence and liberty of conſcience, ſome of them have ſpoken treaſonable words in their pulpits, of which (to no purpoſe) I have complained to the Preſident and Council, ſo that I am humbly of opinion, that liberty of conſcience will much obſtruct the ſettlement of this place, unleſs duly regulated by the authority of a prudent Governor ſent hither. Your Lordſhip may pleaſe to remember, that

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this commiſſion was but temporary, and ſerved only to unhinge the Commonwealth, which for many years, was uſurped and managed by a faction. All the members of the preſent Council, Mr. Maſon and myſelf excepted, are either Church members, or ſtrong abettors of that party, and even Mr. Dudly, our Preſident, was not long ſince a zealous preacher amongſt us, and though, while in London, he pretended to be of the Church of England, yet ſince he is made Preſident, courts and keeps private cabals with theſe factious miniſters and others, who, in the time of Monmouth's Rebellion, refuſed to pray for his Majeſty. His Majeſty hath been graciouſly pleaſed to make me Secretary of his Council here, but the accounts of the late Treaſurer and whatever relates to the diſcovery of his Majeſty's Revenue, is kept from my knowledge. The public records, and all the grants and ſettlement of lands in this country, which ought to be lodged in my office, are otherwiſe diſpoſed of, not being willing to intruſt them with me, who have been, and (as they ſay), am ſtill the grand enemy of their country. Mr. Wharton, a member of the Council, did openly declare, that his Majeſty, in appointing me his Secretary and Regiſter, intended to inthrall this people in vaſſalage. I have propoſed the raiſing a revenue, yet cannot be heard in Council. I have likewiſe preſſed the making of ſtrict orders to prevent the irregular trade of this place, but ſome of the Council are traders, and others by marriage or otherwiſe ſo nearly related, that without a General Governor, interlopers will be countenanced, notwithſtanding all my endeavors to the Contrary. Here have been five or ſix ſhips ſeized and condemned, which inflames the people's malice againſt me.

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And the Preſident, who by his office and duty is obliged to aſſiſt me, has openly refuſed, to his Majeſty's great diſſervice. I queſtion not but by his Majeſty's uniting the ſeveral Colonies under one Government, to raiſe his Majeſty a conſiderable revenue by quit rents towards the ſupport of the Government, which will yearly increaſe. Of this the Preſident, Mr. Wharton and ſeveral others, who have engroſſed great tracts of land are ſenſible, and are, therefore, unwilling to admit me to diſcover their Eſtates. It was by your Lordſhip's favour, that his Majeſty, in conſideration of my paſt ſervices, was pleaſed to grant me the office of Regiſter and Secretary of this Government, a place in his Majeſty's other plantations of conſiderable advantage; but they have taken ſo great prejudice againſt me, that they have diſpoſed of the perquiſites of that office to perſons of their own ſtamp, ſo that, for all my trouble and attending the Council here, I am not like to make £20 a-year. My earneſt expectation of a General Governor, ſupports me under all theſe difficulties and diſappointments, and though they treat me ſo rudely, yet I ſhall continue to aſſert his Majeſty's intereſt in the Station I am placed in, and ever remain, Right Honourable,

Your Lordſhip's
moſt humble
and moſt obedient Servant,
ED. RANDOLPH.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Treaſurer.

LETTER

LETTER FROM Mr RANDOLPH TO THE COMMITTEE.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (91).

Boſton in New Engd
Augt 23: 1686.

May it pleaſe yr Lordſpps

In my letter of ye 28th of July laſt I humbly repreſented to yr Lordſps my Seruing ye Writts of Quo Warrto agt ye Colonyes of Road Iſland & Connecticutt, & that they intended to make their humble Submiſſion of their Charters to his Matie vnleſſe vnderhand diverted by the faction in this Gomt who are countenanced & are not out of hopes to be reſtored to the exerciſe of their former Authority by Charter: the late Generall Court being vpon an adjournment continued, made vpon ye 21 of May laſt & are to meet at 8 aClock in ye morning vpon ye ſecond wedneſday in October next: and as yet ye Preſident & Councill, tho' often moued by my ſelfe that their adjournmt ought to be declared illegall, haue done nothing to diſcountenance that act: but on ye Contrary, haue preferred divers of ye Magiſtrates & others of the late Gomt to Commands in the preſent Militia & Juſtices of ye Peace in ſeuerall of the townes in this Country.

His Matie hauing been Graciouſly pleaſed to grant me the Office of Secretary & Regiſter of this Gomt I demanded the Records of the Generall Court & other Bookes of publick Concern, which ought to be lodged in my Office; and had an Order to that purpoſe; but ſome of ye Councill & others looking vpon me as ye Onely enemy of their Country haue encouraged the former Secry to keepe them in his Cuſtody: to the end yr Lordſps might not know what Large tracts of Land they haue beſtowed vpon each other & are at this day making ſure to themſelues all the land in this Gomt not yet

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diſpoſed of, in which project is one Capt Blackwell Treaſurer to ye Army in Cromwells tyme & Son in Law to Lambert, & now made a Juſtice of ye Peace, altho' excepted in ye act of ffree & Generall pardon in ye 12th of his late Matie They likewiſe refuſe to lett me haue an account of the Receites & diſburſments of their late Treaſurers, which I haue often demanded, the better to diſcouer to your Lordſpps the Rates & Taxes impoſed vpon the poeple (againſt the wills of moſt of ye Inhabitants) to defend their Charter & continue themſelues in Gomt The Great favour of liberty of Conſcience granted this poeple may in a ſhort tyme be of ill conſequence to this Governmt vnleſſe it be in the power of his Maties Genll Gour to putt ſome limitation to their extravigant vſe of it, It plainely appeares, That altho' his Matie has been graciouſly pleaſed to appoint Seuerall of the members of the late Gomt to be of his Councill here, yet they retain the Old principles; and I humbly propoſe it very neceſſary for the Good governing of this plantation that his Maties Genll Gour be likewiſe impowred to diſplace Such perſons in ye Councill who oppoſe his Maties intereſt, and elect others in their ſtead, Otherwiſe twill not be poſſible to raiſe a Revennue for Support of this Gomt

Great numbers of poeple are tranſplanting themſelues from England Scotland. etc: to this Country One Ship has now brought vs 60 paſſengers with 2 nonConformiſts Miniſters. I haue preſſd that all perſons aboue 16 yeares old Should preſent their names & giue an account of themſelues, and alſo be obliged to take ye Oath of Allegiance, but this being looked vpon as a great diſcouragement to good poeple, is referrd to the directions of his Maties Genll Gour

I find the Country diſſatisfied for want of an Aſſembly of representatiues

representatiues from ye Seuerall townes in ye Gom^t^ with power to raiſe money & make Lawes etc. the great matters they aime at, are a Gen^ll^ Pardon: a Confirmation to them of all their Lands & poſſeſſions what-ſoeuer: and to Settle Independency by a Law: but are very cold & backward to my propoſalls of Raiſing his Matie a Revennue vpon Quitt Rents and the Conſumption of all liquors wines & other Merchandize imported this Country: which vpon the addition of the Colonyes of Connecticutt & Road Iſland to this Gom^t^ may amount to nigh 4000^li^ a yeare: Some part of which ought neceſſarily to be applyed to maintain Officers in the Seuerall Ports of this Gom^t^ (as in New York) to take care that the Acts of trade be duely executed; otherwiſe No men of Creditt will vndertake That truſt vnleſſe they haue a Competent allowance for their Seruice.

Wee haue lately had a Pyrate of 14 Gunns & 100 men vpon Our Coaſts & Capt Georg Commander of the Roſe frigott was ordred to find him Out: but he came too late, for ye Pirate hauing firſt rob'd 2 Sloopes loden with Pork peaſe & other proviſions was gone away to the Weſt Indies: not long ſince Gramond a french man of 50 guns lay off Carolina, & deſired leaue to trade, which was denied him: wee haue aduiſe y^t^ a Small Sloop of 20 men haue been ſeen vpon Our Coaſts: theſe very much diſturb our Trade.

all which is moſt humbly
ſubmitted
by — — —
EdRandolph.

To the Right Honble the Lords
of ye Committe for trade.

[*Endorſed*]

[*Endorſed*] Boſton 23 : Aug : 86.
From Mr Randolph
To the Comittee.
Recd 21 Oct : 86
Read ye 24th Octob. 1686.

Abduction by Pirates.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Third Series, Vol. VII. p. 157.

The humble petition of William Douglaſs to the Hon. Joſeph Dudley Eſq. Preſident etc.

Having been carried off from Carolina by a pirate, the petitioner eſcaped from the ſhip when in Caſco, "your petitioner was put to great ſtreights both for food and linen, &c. whereupon he applied himſelf to the worſhipful Edward Randolph for relief, who kindly ordered Eraſmus Stevens to take care of him, to help him to what your petitioner wanted, till he had an opportunity, humbly to lay my Condition before your honors." . . .

William Douglass.

Edward Randolph to Fitz-John Winthrop.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. III. p. 476.

To Major Winthrop at New London.

Boſton. Augt 25. 1686.

Sr, — I congratulate your recovery from your late indiſpoſition, and that you may not ſuddainely relapſe, I ſend you for a cordiall the good newes that Sr Edmd Andros is appointed our gouvr Calls firſt at Bermodos to ſettle that governmt,

governm^t, and upon ye Kingfiſher, a ſhip of 50 guns, comes for Boſton, where he may arrive ſome time in Nov^br next, with his lady. God ſend them a ſafe paſſage! My ſervice to Madam Curwin & Madam Ann: is all from,

S^r, your humble ſerv^t

E: RANDOLPH

RANDOLPH'S PETITION FOR FEES AS SEC^RY & REG^R.—£80 p ANN.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (166) 28 Aug. 1686.

To the Right Honble the Lords of
the Committe for Trade &
Forraigne Plantations.

The Petition of Edward Randolph Sheweth

That his Maj^tie in Confideracõn of Yo^r Petitioners paſt Services and hardſhipps undergone in ten years attending his Majeſtyes Comands in New England, was graciouſly pleaſed as a Mark of his Royall Bounty to grant to Your Petitioner the Office of Secretary and Sole Regiſter of his Majeſtyes Governour and Councill, and of his Majeſtyes Government in his Maj^ties Territory and Dominion of New England to exerciſe and enjoy the Said Office by himſelf, or Deputy or Deputyes there for the time being, with all fees, Rights and Perquiſitts to the ſaid Places or offices or Either of them belonging in as full and ample manner to all intents and purpoſes as the Secretary and Regiſter of his Majeſtyes Iſland of Jamaica or of any other his Maj^ties plantacõns in America have had or do now receive and enjoy.

That after his Maj^ties Comiſſion of Government with great difficulty

difficulty was accepted of and Publiſhed in this Coloney Yo: Petitioner produced to the Preſident and Councill his Maj:ties Grant to Yo: Petito: to be Secretary and Sole Regiſter, and demanded to be put in poſſeſſion of that Office, and to have all the Records and bookes of the publick concernes of the Country to be Lodged and remaine under the care of Yo: Petitioner, but Yo: Petition: being reputed the Comon enemy for Vacating their Charter and bringing the Country under a more imediate dependance upon the Crowne, The Preſident and Councill have appointed other perſons in Severall parts of the Country to Execute the Office of Sole Regiſter without haveing firſt obteined deputations from Yo: Petitioner, Neither can Yo: Petitioner take the former Records into His Poſſeſſion to the end theirby to Conceal from Yo: Petition: the large tracts of Land they have granted to Each other, And have alſo Refuſed to Yo: Petitioner the Sume of Eighty pounds yearly (paid to their former Secretary) to Support the Charge of Clerks and other officers neceſſary to aſſiſt in the Office of Secretary.

Now foraſmuch as Yo: Petitioner by the undue proceedings of the Preſident and Councill is defrauded and wholy diſappointed of the benifit of his Maj:ties favour and reward of his paſt Services, Yet in obedience to his Maj:ties Comands does continue his attendance as Secry of the Councill leaſt his Majeſtyes affaires might ſuffer by his abſence

Your Petitioner humbly Prayes Yo: Lordſhips to take the Premiſes into Your Lordſhps conſideration and to Order that the Salary of 80ti paid the former Secretary may be paid Yearly to Your Petitioner to Support

port the neceſſary charge of Clerks and alſo to receive and enjoy all Such fees and perquiſitts belonging to his office of Secry and Sole Regiſter in as full and ample manner as the Secretary and Regiſter in Jamaica or any other his Majties plantacons in America do enjoy.

Boſton in New Engd
Augt 28th 1686.

EdRandolph.

[*Endorſed*] The Petition of
Edward Randolph.
Prſented to ye Comttee ye 24th Oct. 86.

Eſtabliſhment of 2 Foot Companies in N: Engd.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (447), 30 Aug. 1686.

For Two Compies in New England.

Whereas Wee have thought fitt to appoint Two Companys of Foot for Our Service in New-England, Wee do hereby make and paſs this Our Eſtabliſhment for the Same to commence from the firſt of September next whereof the Pay Maſter Generall of Our Forces Our Commiſſary Generall of Our Muſters and all others whom it may concern are to take notice and to conform themſelves accordingly. Given at Our Court at Windſor this 30th day of Auguſt 1686 In the Second Year of Our Reign.

One Company.	Per Diem	Per Annum
The Captain	0 08 00	146 00 00
Lieutenant	0 04 00	73 00 00
Enſign	0 03 00	54 15 00
Two Sarjeants at 18d each p Diem	0 03 00	54 15 00

Three

	Per Diem	Per Annum
Three Corporalls at 12d. each	0 03 00	54 15 00
One Drummer	0 01 00	18 05 00
Fifty Soldiers at 8d. each	1 13 04	608 06 08
	2 15 04	1009 16 08
The Charge of one Company more at the Same Rates and Numbers above expreſſed	2 15 04	1009 16 08
A Chirurgeon to attend the ſaid Companys	0 02 06	45 12 06
For Contingencies	0 00 10	15 04 02
Totall	5 14 00	2080 10 0

ROCHESTER.
SUNDERLAND. P.

[*Endorſed*] 1686. Eſtabliſhm: For Two Companys of Foot in New England.

Mr. BULLIVANT'S LRE TO Mr. RANDOLPH ABT. THE RECORDS IN Mr. RAWSON'S HANDS.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (168).

Sr.

I ſerved the Order of Councill on Mr. Rawſon this day about the Records &c: which ledd to many diſcourſes betwixt us, too tedious to be here inſerted, he gives for anſwer in General that he will ſpeedily wait upon You himſelf about it, and that the oath of God is upon him to the Country that entruſted him, and he cannot Satisfie his Conſcience that he is obliged to reſign them, unleſs he be diſcharged by a power that can indempnifie him, he alſo thinks it very juſt that before he be diſcharged of yt truſt, his arrears of Salary for his Service to the Country be payd, and that a conſidera-

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c̃on be had of his paines in Sorting the papers, wch will be a very conſiderable expence of time to him, and one, that muſt be his Aſſiſtant in it, this is all I can do, or Suppoſe will be done in it at p^r^ſent,

I am S^r^ Yo^r^ moſt humble Servt

BENJAMIN BULLIVANT.

Sept: 11th 1686.

[*Endorſed*] Boſton. 11 Sept: 86.
From Mr Bullivant
to Mr Randolph
touching the Records
in Mr Rawſon's hands.

PETITION RESPECTING THE ELEUTHERIANS.[8]

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 84.

In anſwer to this Petition, The Preſident and Council do approve of, and allow of the petitioners removing the diſtreſſed Eleutherian people into Caſco Bay, for their ſettlement and ſupport, and will recommend their prayer for the grant of their lands deſired unto his majeſty for his Royal favour therein.

By the Preſident and Council

ED RANDOLPH *Secretary*

Council Houſe, Sept. 15, 1686

Alſo at the motion of the petitioners, it was farther conſented to by Richard Wharton and Bartholomew Gedney Eſq^n^ that they will annex their lands in or near ſaid Town to

[8] Eleutheria is one of the Bahama Iſlands.

to the ſame and as improvement ſhall be made on their reſpective lands, to contribute to Town charge and in improvement, and Mr Wharton conſented, reſerving his propriety that the town bounds ſhall extend Eaſtwardly as far as Puggamugga River ED. RANDOLPH, *Secretary*

LETTER FROM EDWARD RANDOLPH IN CASE OF A LIBELED BRIG. [TO THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK]

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. LXI. p. 271.

Boſton Sept. 20th 1684 [1686]

Hond Sr

I am obliged by all opportunityes to pay my duty to your Honr and now more particularly by Mr Surveyor Genll whom I have deſired to give yor Honr a ſhort account of my proſecuting a Brigantine and loading from Newfound land for unlivery before entry and in order to her Tryall I exhibited my informacon in the Court of Admiralty, But Capt. George's mate being gone to the Eaſtward to diſcover and take a pirate by accident mett wth the goods where they were landed and concealed and brought them to this port, and the Captaine would try them in our Court of pleas held in Boſton, but that Court finding that the Cauſe was by my prior Information duly lodged in the Court of Admiralty diſmiſſed the Cauſe and ordered it to be tryed in the Court of Admiralty, I hear Captaine George intends to bring the Brigantine and goods about to New York in order to obtaine a tryall there if ſo I intreat your honrs favour to allow me time to make out my right of proſecution wch I ſhall do effectually by the next opportunity of ſending to New York.

I

I undertake not to trouble your hon.r with any news from hence M.r Surveyor being very well informed in all the occurrances of this place to whom I humbly referr your hon.r and remaine in all duty

Your moſt humble ſerv.t E. R.

ANSWER TO CAPTAIN PALMER.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 97.

In anſwer to Capt. Palmers motion referring to ſeized ſhipp. Mr. Randolph informing that the ſeizure of her was at the requeſt of Cap.t. Palmer who informed that ſhe hath imported malaga wines etc. into the Gov.t of New York where the ſ.d wines have ſince been condemned & the record thereof before us. Wee do judge that according to y.e Act of y.e fifteenth of his late Ma.tie the ſaid ſhip ought to ſuffer her tryall in y.e Territory or place where the ſaid breach was committed or in ſome Court of record in England as the ſaid Act directs.

By order of the Preſid.t and Councill

ED. RANDOLPH, Secy.[9]

Sept 27. 1686

TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL OF HIS MA.TYS TERRITORY AND DOMINION OF NEW ENGLAND.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 121. [21 October 1686]

Edward Randolph Eq.r Collector and Surveyor of his Ma.tys Cuſtomes doth repreſent that Joſhua Rawlins maſ.t of the

[9] Alſo *Maſſachuſetts Archives*, Vol. CCXLII. p. 339.

the ketch Providence of Maryland came to the office of his Maj^{tys} Cuſtomes to make entry of ſaid ketch upon report of his loading he refuſed to make entry upon oath, whereupon haveing received information that the ſ^{d} maſter had broke bulk and unliveried part of his cargoe in this government about three oclock in the aſternoon I ſent Mr Luggar Deputy Searcher of his Maj^{tys} cuſtomes to go on board the ſaid ketch and ſeize her for his Maj^{tys} uſe ſhe then lying near Capt Anthony Howard's wharfe, the ſaid Luggar accordingly went to execute his office but was not admitted to go on board the ſaid ketch by David Simpſon belonging to the Roſe ffrigott who was there by order of Mr Condon Lieutenant to the ſ^{d} ffrigott as was reported and the ſaid David Simpſon there told the ſaid Luggar y^{t} if he came from Mr Randolph he ſhould not come on board and to that end took up a narrow ax that lay upon the deck and ſwore he would cut the ſaid Luggar in pieces if he offered to put his foot in that veſſell upon wch the ſd Luggar made his complaint to me that he was affronted in his office, preſently after William Hill one of my Deputyes came to me and alſo complained that the ſaid David Simpſon had fallen upon him & had cut his face and would not ſuffer the ſ^{d} Hill to go on board the ſ^{d} ketch the ſ^{d} Hill further ſaith that he would lay down his deputation and not expoſe his perſon to hurt and violence unleſs he could be protected and aſſiſted according to law. Upon the complaint of the aforeſ^{d} perſons I went to Iſaiah Toy Conſtable of this towne and took the ſ^{d} Toy with me & went to the aforeſ^{d} wharfe of Mr Howard & there found the ſ^{d} David Simpſon walking on board the ſ^{d} ketch with the narrow ax before mentioned lying on the

the deck forward and alſo found my officers unwilling to go on board the ſaid ketch, At laſt by the aſſiſtance of the conſtable I put on board John Burridge and Wm Hill both ſworn Waiters and comanded the ſaid Conſtable to take charge of the ſ^d^ David Simpſon and bring him before one of his Maj^tys^ Juſtices of the peace to be proceeded againſt according to law and meeting wth Richard Wharton Eſq^r^ I deſired him to go with me to hear the matter, but not far from Mr Shrimpton's houſe Capt George & Capt St Loe met the ſ^d^ Conſtable with the ſ^d^ Simpſon where the ſ^d^ Capt. George in a great paſſion gave threatening language both to Mr Wharton & myſelfe & in a royitous manner endeavoured the reſcue of the ſ^d^ David Simpſon and did ſtrike at the ſaid Conſtable with his cane but the ſaid Conſtable defended himſelfe and received the blow with his ſtaffe and at the ſametime two of Capt George's men came behind the conſtable endeavouring to reſcue the ſ^d^ Simpſon. Capt George followed me to M^r^. Uſhers door where he gave me moſt violent provoking language calling me pittyfull little fellow & ſaid that the worſt of his men on board his ſhip had as much power to ſeize veſſells as myſelfe, and threatened Eraſmus Stevens (and other my officers then preſent) that iff any of them paſſed by his ſhippe he would fetch them on board and whippe them till their backs were raw.

ED. RANDOLPH Coll.

LETTERS

LETTERS FROM RANDOLPH & THE PRES^T. & COUNCIL.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 109, p. 19.

Mem^d. On the 21: of October 1686

Rec^d. a letter without date from the President @ Council of New England to the Committee.

New Engl^d.

A letter from M^r. Randolph to the Committee dated the 3^d. of August last.

At the Committee for Trade & Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at Whitehall
Saturday the 23: of October 1686.

Present: Lord Chancelor, Lord Treasurer, Lord President, Duke of Albemarle, Lord Chamberlane, Lord Visco^t Preston, Lord Dartmouth, M^r. Chanc^r of ye Exchequ^r.

New England

Wear's pet^n for putting off ye Hearing of his Appeal.

The Pet^n of Nath: Wear Attorny of Willm Vaughan read, praying that the Hearing of His Appeal may bee put off till after ye 4th. day of November next: Whereupon it is ordered that all partys concerned have notice to attend the Committee at the first Meeting after that day, when their Lo^ps will hear the said Appeal.

A letter from the President and Council, touching Ports.

A Letter from the President and Council of New England, Informing their Lo^ps, that they have reduced the Ports there to such a number that the Frauds formerly practiced to the prejudice of His Ma^ty's Customs will bee more easily restraind; That sundry Shipps had been seized and condemned, and one coming from the Canarys with Wine is, vpon security given to Answer the Value in case of Condemnation, referred for His Ma^ty's determination; That M^r. Ran-

Seizure of a Canary-Ship.

 dolph

Writts of Quo Warranto. dolph hath ſerved the Writs of Quo Warranto iſſued againſt Rhode Iſland and Conecticut; That the Judge of the Admiralty of New-York hath made Seisure made at Penobscot. ſeizure of Goods landed at Penobſcot, being part of the lands granted by the late King to His Preſent Ma^ty, but deliverd to the French vpon the Treaty of Breda; That they had rec^d their Lo^ps letter of Recom The Minister. mendation of Mr Ratliff with due regard, and a convenient place for publick Worſhip is allowd to him and The Treary & Revenue. his Hearers. That the Treaſury is wholy empty, and almoſt all the Laws for Publick Revenues expired, which without an Aſſembly they are vnable to renew.

Joseph Dudley to Edward Randolph.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 134.

S^r

I have juſt now received Capt Georges information againſt a Ketch Thomas Aſhley, Maſter, now riding at Anchor in ye bay for importation of Linnens, ſhoes & other European Goods that have not payd the Kings dues & to the end that his Majeſtys affayr may not ſuffer I have ordered Capt. George to admit of one of your Deputyes to make y^e ſeizure & I would have alſo a wayter left on board and ye Tryall ſhall come ſpeedily forward.

I am S^r

your ſerv^t.

Roxbury
25th Oct. 1686.

J. Dudley

Mr.

Mr. Randolph to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 294.

Boston in N. E. Octo. 27th, 86.

May it pleafe your Grace,

I have fometime fince humbly reprefented to your grace a neceffity of having a church built in Boften to receive thofe of the church of England. Wee have at prefent 400 perfons who are daily frequenters of our church, and as many more would come over to us, but fome being tradefmen, others of mechanick profeffions, are threatened by the congregationall men to be arrefted by their creditors, or to be turned out of their work, if they offer to come to our church; under fuch difcouragements wee lye at prefent, and are forced to addrefs your grace for reliefe.

I have taken care to informe myfelfe how the money fent over hither for the company of evangelizing Indeans in New England (for foe by their pattent from his late Majefty they are ftiled) is difpofed of here. Here are 7 perfons, called Commiffioners or truftees, who have the fole manage of it; the chief of which are Mr. Dudley, our prefident, a man of a bafe, fervile and antimonarchicall principle, Mr. Stoughton, of the old leaven, Mr. Richards, a man not to be trufted in publique bufinefs, Mr. Hinkley, governor of New Plimouth collony, a rigid independant, and others like to thefe. The poor Indians (thofe who are called miniften) come and complaine to Mr. Ratclieffe, our minifter, that they have nothing allowed them: We have fpoken to the commiffioners to have Some allowance for them; all we can gett is the promife of a coarfe coat againft winter, and would not fuffer

Aaron,

Aaron, an Indian teacher, to have a bible with the common prayer in it, but took it away from him. This money is not leſs than 3 or 400 *l.* which is yearly returned over hither (ſome ſay 600) with which they enrich themſelves, yet charge it all as layd out among the poore Indians. I humbly preſume to remind your grace of your promiſe to me, when in England, that a commiſſion ſhould be directed to ſome perſons here, unconcerned, to audit and report their acts of this money. We want good ſchoolemaſters, none being here allowed of but of ill principle, and till there be proviſion made to rectifye the youth of this country, there is noe hopes that this people will prove loyall. The money now converted to private, or worſe uſes, will ſet up good and publick ſchooles and provide maintenance for our miniſter, who now lives upon a ſmall contribution, and are yet forced to meet in the town-houſe.

I cannot omit to acquaint your grace, how tender conſcienced, members of our old church, for ſoe they are diſtinguiſhed from the other 2 churches in Boſton, are. Not long ſince, I deſired them to let their clerk toll their bell at 9 clock, Wedneſdays and Fridays, for us to meet to go to prayers. Their men told me, in excuſe for not doing it, that they had conſidered and found it intrenched on their liberty of conſcience granted them by his Majeſtyes preſent commiſſion, and could in noe wiſe aſſent to it. The neceſſity of a church and publick ſchooles and encouragement of miniſters preſſes me to give your grace this trouble, which I humbly intreat your grace to remember to effect, leaſt the Small beginnings of the church of England ſettled here with great difficulty, fall to

to the ground and be loſt, for want of tymely relief and countenance. All which is humbly ſubmitted by

[EDWARD RANDOLPH]

BENJAMIN BULLIVANT TO SAMUEL GREENE.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 663.

Mr Greene, — I am comanded by Mr Secretary Randolph to give you notice that you doe not proceed to print any Almanack whatever, without haveing his approbation for the ſame. Yors

BEN: BULLIVANT

Boſton 29. Novembr 1686.

ORDER FOR THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING UNDER SIR EDMUND ANDROS.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 165.

Sir, Council Houſe Dec. 21st 1686.

His Excellency, Sir Edmund Andros, Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief, arrived here yeſterday, at which time his Majeſty's commiſſion, bearing date the third of June laſt, was publiſhed, his Excellency has appointed a General Council, to be holden here on Thurſday the 30th of this inſtant December, and directed me to acquaint all the members thereof, that they may be preſent accordingly. His Excellency preſents his humble ſervice to you, and would be glad to ſee you at Boſton.

I am, Sir, your humble ſervant

EDWARD RANDOLPH.

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EDWARD RANDOLPH TO FITZ-JOHN WINTHROP.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. III. p. 476.

To John Fitz Winthrop, Eſq^r one of the members of his Maj^tys Councill, at New London, p^rſent.

Boſton, [21] 22^d of Decemb^r 1686.

S^r, — His Excellence Sr Edmond Andros, Knight, Captaine Generall & Governour in cheife, arrived here yeſterday, at wch time his Maj^tys commiſſion, bearing date the third of June laſt, was publiſhed. His Excellence has appointed a generall councill to be holden here on Thurſday, the 30th of this inſtant, December, and directed me to acquaint all the members thereof, that they may be preſent accordingly. His Excellence preſents his humble ſervice to you and would be glad to ſee you at Boſton. I am

Your humble ſervant,

E: RANDOLPH.

LETTER OF ANDROS TO RHODE ISLAND, CONCERNING RHODE ISLAND CHARTER.

Rhode Iſland Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 219.

Boſton December 22. 1686

Sir: This is to acquaint you that I arrived yeſterday, at which time his Maj^ty's Commiſſion, bearing date at Windſor, the 3^d Day of June laſt, in the ſecond year of his reign, appointed me Captain General and Governor in Chief of his territory and dominion of New England, and his Majeſty having

having upon the addreſs and ſubmiſſion of the Charter, accepted thereof, hath commanded and authorized me upon my arrival in theſe parts, to demand in his Majeſty's name, the actual ſurrender of the ſaid Charter, and to take the Colony of Rhode Iſland and Providence Plantation into my care, as part of the government, and to aſſure his good ſubjects in your parts of his Majeſty's countenance and protection in all things, in which his Majeſty's ſervice and your welfare ſhall be concerned, and hath conſtituted and appointed you, Walter Clark, Jo. Sanford, John Coggſhall, Walter Newbury, John Greene, Richard Arnold and John Alborough Eſqr's, to be members of the Council for the ſaid government. And I having appointed a general Council to be held in this place on Thurſday, the 30th of this inſtant December, you are to communicate this to the above named members of the Council, and together with them, to give your attendance for his Majeſty, and country's ſervice as above.

I am your very affectionate friend, and deſiring to hear from you in the meantime. [E. ANDROS.]

LETTER TO WALTER CLARK, GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND.

Boſton 22d December 1686

Sir: This is to acquaint you that his Majeſty having been pleaſed to ſend me to the government of New England, of which you are a part, I arrived here on the 20th inſtant, where I found all very well diſpoſed to his Majeſty's ſervice; and his Majeſty's letter patent to me for the ſaid government

ment having been publiſhed, were received with ſuitable demonſtrations.

I am commanded and authorized by his Majeſty, at my arrival in theſe parts, to receive in his name the ſurrender of the Charter, if tendered by you, and to take you into my preſent care and charge, as other parts of the government, aſſuring his Majeſty's good ſubjects of his countenance and protection in all things relating to his ſervice and their welfare.

I have only to add, that I ſhall be ready and glad to do my duty accordingly, and therefore deſire to hear from you as ſoon as may be, and remain

Your very affectionate friend

E. ANDROS.

SIR EDMUND ANDROS TO GOVERNOR TREAT.

Connecticut Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 376.

Boſton, ye 22d December 1686.

Sr This is to acquaint you that his Majeſty haveing been pleaſed to ſend me to the Government of New England, of which you are a part, I arrived here the 20th Inſtant, where I found all very well diſpoſed to his Maties ſervice; and his Maties Letters Pattents to me for the ſaid Government being then publiſhed, were received with ſuitable demonſtration.

I am commanded and authorized by his Maty, at my arrivall in theſe Parts, to receive in his name the ſurrender of your Charter (if tendered by you) and to take into my preſent care and charge, as other parts of the Government, aſſureing his Maties good ſubjects of his countenance and protection

protection in all things relating to his ſervice and their welfare.

I have only to add that I ſhall be ready and glad to doe my duty accordingly, and therefore deſire to hear from you as ſoon as may be, and remaine,

your very affectionate friend

E. ANDROS.

To John Treat, Eſq^r
Governour of his Maj^tys Colony
of Connecticut P^rſent

[*Endorſed by Gov. Treat, as received Dec. 28th, at 11 o'clock at night.*]

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO GOVERNOR TREAT.

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 375.

Gentlemen

His Ma^ty hath commanded me to ſerve another Writt of Quo Warranto upon you. It's returnable the firſt of next Tearm. You find by a Letter from his Excellence Sr Edmond Androſs, herewith ſent you, that as yet a door is open for you, and 'tis your own faults if you fail of the enjoyments and indulgencies which his Ma^ty has been graciouſly pleaſed to grant to the Colonyes of New Plym^o and Road Iſland now annexed to this Governm^t.

By ſerving of this Quo Warranto, and not appearing to defend yourſelves, judgm^t will be entered againſt you upon your non appearance, ſo that tis not in your choice how next

[20] The draft of the letter in Randolph's handwriting is found in *Maſſachuſetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVI. p. 167.

next to diſpoſe of yourſelves. You have no way to make yourſelves happy but by an early application to his Excellence, which is all, and more than you might expect to hear from me with whom you have ſo often and unkindly trifled with. However, I will not be diſobliged, but am

Gentlemen,

Boſton, Dec. 23. Your humble Servant

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*Endorſed*] Receaved ys 28th December 1686 at eleven of ye clocke at night ys letter p R. Treat, Gov.[11]

FOR

[11] The firſt Writ of Quo Warranto from the King's Bench againſt Connecticut dated 8th of July, 1685, Lord Jeffreys being Chief Juſtice, was returnable in November on the octave of St. Martin. The ſecond one alſo dated 8th of July, 1685, was returnable on the quinzaine of the next Eaſter. Theſe were ſerved in perſon by Randolph and the receipt was acknowledged by John Talcott, an aſſiſtant, and by John Allyn, Secretary, "upon the 20th of July 1686 about 12 or one in the morning." The third one, dated 23d of October, 1686, returnable in December on the octave of the Purification of the bleſſed Virgin Mary, Sir Edward Herbert being Chief Juſtice, was ſent by Randolph in a letter. The receipt of the writ was acknowledged by Governor Treat on the 28th of December as in the text above. The Writs are in Latin and ſimilar in terms to the Writs againſt Maſſachuſetts. The full text of the firſt two are found in *Connecticut Colonial Records*, Vol. III. pp. 356, 357. The third, the original of which is in the poſſeſſion of Mr. Henry H. Edes of Cambridge, was communicated by him at the April meeting, 1898, of the *Colonial Society of Maſſachuſetts* and printed in its *Publications*.

The firſt two Writs were dated back nine days after the order was given for iſſuing them. This was done that they might bear the date of the laſt day of Trinity Term, which was in that year the 8th of July. See *Handy-Book of Rules and Tables for verifying dates*, by John J. Bond, London, 1875, pp. 178, 424.

FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Second Series. Vol. VIII. p. 237.

To Major Pincheon at Springfield deliver.

Boſton December 28. 86

Sir,

Our governor arrived the 20th inſtant, on the 22 wee had a council, and directions were given that all the members of the late government ſhould be ſummoned to meet on the 30th inſtant, I did not fayle you, but ſent the fartheſt way about, for his Excellency ſending a letter to Connecticott Colony, and I diſpatching a meſſenger to ſerve another writ of Quo Warranto on the governor of Connecticutt ſent to him your letter, which he will be ſo juſt as to ſend you at his coming to Hartford, where I am well aſſured the phyſick is to operate. I hear the little Quacks there are endeavouring to divert their coming under one government, but his Excellency has his Majeſty's commands to accept of their ſurrender, which they cannot avoid, they muſt for publicity. Now I intreat you out of reſpect to your Son to come as ſoon as you can. I hope he will find the benefit of your journey, and I am to tell you his Excellency has a great kindneſs for you. If you come before you receive mine, order Mr. Glover the miniſter to open the letter, in which is an order of the Governor in Council to be communicated through your whole county. Be careful of yourſelf and ſpeedy. We have Road Iſland already, and I fear not Connecticutt. A dutifull ſubmiſſion will well become them, and place them in his Majeſties favour. His Excellency will propoſe greater advantages

advantages for their eaſe and happineſs than their weak phancy's can project. My ſervice to your good Lady.

I am, Sir, yours ED. RANDOLPH.

PROTEST OF EDWARD RANDOLPH AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF HIS OFFICE BY PRESIDENT DUDLEY.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. pp. 178–183. 30 December, 1686.

To his Excellency Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t Capt Generall and Goveno^r in Chieſe of this his Maj^tys Territory and Dominion of New England.

In all humbleneſs complaining ſheweth unto your Excellency y^r orator Edward Randolph Eſq^r that whereas his gracious Maj^ty that now is the twenty firſt day of September in the ſecond yeare of his Maj^tys Reigne by his commiſſion did give to underſtand to all to whome thoſe preſents ſhould come that whereas he had thought fit to appoint a Preſident and Councill untill he ſhould ſend over a Governor in Chieſe to take care of all his Territory & Dominion in New England commonly caled or knowne by the names of the Colony of the Maſſachuſetts Bay, the Provinces of New Hamphier and Maine and the Narraganſett Country otherwiſe caled the Kings Province with all the Iſlands rights members thereunto belonging and doth further give to underſtand that repoſing eſpetiall truſt and confidence in the Loyalty and abilities of his truſty and well beloved Edward Randolph Eſq^r hath given and granted unto him the ſaid Edward Randolph the ſeverall and reſpective places and offices of Secretary and ſole Regiſter of his Maj^tys Governor and Councill of his Maj^tys Government there for the time

time being of and in his Maj^{tys} Territories and Dominion aforefaid and him the faid Edward Randolph Secretary and Regifter of his Maj^{tys} Territory and Dominion doth by thefe Prefents make ordaine and conftitute To have hold exercife & enjoy the faid places and offices unto him the faid Edward Randolph by himfelfe or his Deputye or Deputyes together with all fees, rights, privileges, profitts, perquifites and advantages to the faid places and offices or either of them belonging or in any wife appertaining or which fhall belong or any wife appertaine in as full and ample manner to all intents & purpofes as the Secretary and Regifter of his Maj^{tys} Ifland of Jamaica or of any his Maj^{tys} Plantations in America have had or did there receive and injoy as in and by the fame (relation being thereunto had) may and doth moore fully appeare, whereas by an Act made in the Ifland of Jamaica it is ordained by the Governor Councill & Affembly that the Secretaries Fees of that Ifland fhould be

(1) For a permit for every Veffell that departs that Ifland one fhilling.

(2) For every Bond entred into by an Englifhman not to carry any one of that Ifland without the Governor's ticket five fhillings.

(3) For every Bond abovefaid for an alien Ship ten fhillings.

(4) For entring a caveat fetting up a name under wrighting any perfon in the office fixe pence.

(5) For a ticket to depart that Ifland two fhillings and fixe pence.

(6) For taking a Bond obligatory one fhilling and three pence.

(7)

(7) For a licence ffor marridge fifteen ſhillings & ſixpence.

(8) For letters of Adminiſtration Warrant of Appraiſement Bond and filing the Inventory fourteen ſhillings.

(9) For recording a will of one ſheet two ſhillings and ſix pence.

(10) For every ſheet moore then one eight pence.

(11) For every order of the Governor & Councill Copie thereof one ſhilling & three pence.

(12) For a licence to draw drinke ſixteen ſhillings & ſixe pence.

(13) For a Lett-pas for a Ship to depart five ſhillings.

(14) For every Proteſt under hand & ſeale ſixe ſhillings.

(15) For a citation two ſhillings and ſixepence.

(16) For a dedimus ten ſhillings: As in and by the ſaid Act it may and doth moore fully appeare and whereas there is one other Act made by the Governor Councill and Aſſembly in the Iſland of Jamaica aforeſaid for Regiſtring of deeds and Patents it is enacted that the Clarke of the enrollments ſhall and may take and receave for enrolling and coppying an ordinary Deed Grant or Patent for one or moore parſell of Land or any Deed or Conveyance not exceeding the length of ſuch Pattent five ſhillings.

For every Deed exceeding the length aforeſaid eight pence per ſheet accounting twenty leaves to a ſhiet & eight words to a line.

For every ſhort wrighting not exceeding the length aforeſaid twelve pence.

For ſearching the records twelve pence, and for acknowledging Satisfaction in the margine of a Morgage recorded one ſhilling and thre pence — as in and by the ſaid laſt recited

recited Act it may and doth moore fully Appeare. Now it may pleaſe your Excellency Joſeph Dudley Eſq^r not being ignorant of that his Maj^tye had granted unto your Orator The above ſaid offices or Places your Orator having produced and ſhowed unto him his Warrant for the ſaid places or offices contriving and deſigning to call into queſtion his Maj^tys Grant to your Orator and to fruſtrate his Maj^tys gratious intentions of favor to him did refuſe obſtruct and denie to permit and ſuffer your Oritor to exerciſe and enjoye his ſaid places or offices of Secretary & Regiſter and to receave perceive and enjoye all and ſinguler the reſpective Fees Perquiſts rights and profits which did juſtly belong and were due unto your Orator according as Secretary and Regiſter of his Maj^tys Iſland of Jamaica have had or then did receave and enjoye and moreover the ſaid Joſeph Dudley did introduce nominate and ordaine Doc^t Daniell Allen Thomas Dudley and other perſons to execute and exerciſe the parts or part of the offices or places of Secretary and Regiſter and did give unto them ſoe deputed by him the ſaid Joſeph Dudley power and authority to prceave receave and enjoye ſeverall fee and fees for the execution thereof whereby he the ſaid Joſeph Dudley combining and agreeing with the ſaid perſons did raiſe and procure unto himſelfe ſeverall great and large ſome and ſomes of money and to the great loſs and damage of your Orator and contrary to all right and equity and good conſcience: may it therefore pleaſe y^r Excellency, The premiſes conſidered to grant unto your Orator his Maj^tys moſt gratious Writt of Subpena to be directed unto the ſaid Joſeph Dudley Commanding him thereby at a certaine day and under a certaine paine therein to be limited perſonally to appear in

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his Maj^{ty} High Court of Chancery then & there upon his Corporall oath to ſhewe unto your Excellency by virtue of what power or Authority he the ſaid Joſeph Dudley did refuſe and denye to permit and ſuffer your Orator wholly and intirely to execute, exerciſe and enjoye his above granted places and offices of Secretary and Regiſter and did nominate and introduce to execute or officiate in part or in whole the above mentioned offices and places of Secretary and Regiſter and becauſe your orator is wholly ignorant what ſome or ſomes of money were juſtly due unto y^{r} Orator in relation to his ſaid places and offices from any perſon or perſons whoſe buſineſs did juſtly fall under the cognizance and management of your Orator by virtue of his ſaid places: may it pleaſe your Excellency to enjoyne the aboveſaid Joſeph Dudly upon his Corporall oath to ſhewe and declare how many Act and Acts and things were by himſelfe and by all and every perſon or perſons ſoe deputed or introduced by him as above don and performed which of right did belong and pertaine unto your Orators offices and places of Secretary and Regiſter as alſo what and how many ſome and ſomes of money were juſtly due unto y^{r} Orator for and in reſpect of his above ſaid offices and places and further to ſtand unto and abide ſuch order direction and award concerning the premiſes as unto your Excellency ſhall ſeem meet and your Orator ſhall dayly pray for the long continuance of y^{r} Excellence proſperous Eſtate.

COUNCIL

Council of Trade to Sir Edmund Andros, Governor of New England.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 329. 12 January, 1684.

Sr Having notice that under Colour of a Trade to Newfoundland for fiſh great quantities of Wine Brandy and other European goods are imported from thence into his Matys plantations (particularly New England) on an allegacon that the ſaid Newfoundland is accompted as one of the ſaid plantacons to which purpoſe tis now become a Magazine of all ſorts of goods brought thither directly from France, Holland, Scotland, Ireland and other places which is not only Contrary to law, but greatly to the prejudice of his Majtys Cuſtomes and to the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdome, to the end therefore that ſoe deſtructive and growing an Evill may be timely prevented Wee deſire you for his Majtys ſervice to give publique notice to all perſons concerned within your Governmt that the Newfoundland is not to be taken or accompted a Plantacon being under noe Governmt or other regulation as all his Majts Plantacons are but that all European goods imported from thence will be ſeized together with the ſhipps importing the ſame as forfeited by the Act of Trade made in the 15 yeare of his late Matys Reigne and his ſaid Matys proclamation purſuant thereunto and you are ſtrictly to give in charge to all his Majtys officers that they be very carefull not to ſuffer any European goods (other than what are by the aforeſaid law & proclamation excepted) to be imported into New England, but ſuch as ſhall appeare by Cocquetts or authentique certificats from ſome port of England, Wales or Berwick to have there duly

 ſhippt

ſhippt and put on board under forfeiture of ſhipps and goods as aforeſaid, and in order to prevent the acceptance of forged cocquetts or certificates which have been heretofore practiced, you are (according to his Ma^ts particular inſtruccons to you) to give effectuall orders that the cocquetts for ſuch goods be produced to the Collector of the Cuſtomes in New England or to his deputyes there for the time being before the unloading of the goods, and that noe European goods be landed but by warrants from the ſd Collector or his deputyes in the preſence of one or more officers appointed thereto and that for the better prevention of frauds of this kind noe ſhipp or Veſſell doe lade or unlade any goods or Commodyties whatſoever untill the Maſter or Commander thereof hath firſt made knowne to yourſelfe or the perſon appointed by you the arrivall of ſuch ſhipp or Veſſell with her name and the name of the maſter and hath ſhewn that ſhe is a ſhipp or veſſell duly navigated and otherwiſe quallified according to law and hath delivered a true & perfect inventory of her lading together with the place or places in which the ſaid goods were laden and taken into the ſaid ſhipp or veſſell under forfeiture of ſuch ſhipp and goods.

Wee are frequently informed from our agent in Scotland of ſeverall ſhipps coming thither with the enumerated plantation Commodyties without touching to clear in any port in England Wales or Berwick being generally ſhipps that pretend to belong to and give Bond in the Plantacõns, which are plaine inſtances of the great neglect or corruption of the officers employed in executing the laws without which wee think it almoſt impoſſible that ſhipps ſhould take in their whole ladings and not be diſcovered either at their arrivall or departure,

departure, wherefore Wee defire you for his Maj^{ty} fervice, not only to make a ftrict and fpeedy examination of thefe and like frauds tending foe apparently to the prejudice of his Ma^{ty} Revenue and the Trade of this Kingdome, but to take care and give effectuall orders that the like may be prevented for the future which may be done thefe two ways 1st By your care that all fhipps not producing certificats of Bond given in England Wales or Berwick be obliged to give bond to your felfe or navall officer according to law before they load or take on board any of the enumerated commodyties under penalty of the forfeiture thereof.

2^{ndly} that fuch fhipps having foe given bond you ufe your utmoft care and diligence to difcover whether the Conditions thereof are performed and certificats thereof produced in a convenient time after, or in failure thereof that the faid bonds be effectually profecuted

Wee are S^{r} your very humble ferv^{ts}

T. CHUDLEIGH. CH. CHEYNE.
D [NORTH ?] C. O. WERDEN
W. BUTLER J. RUSHWORTH

Cuftome h^{e} London
12 January 168$\frac{8}{9}$

Sr Edm^{d} Andros. Govern^{r} of New England.

A TABLE OF FFEES HUMBLY PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCIE THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCELL FOR THEIR ALLOWANCE TO THE SECRETARIES OFFICE IN NEW ENGLAND.

Maffachufetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 244. 10 March, 1686–7.

for taking a bond obligatory	00.05.00
for letters of adminiftration or probate of a will	00.10.00

for

for recording a will or inventory the firſt 24 lines	00.05.00
for every 12 lines more	00.01.00
for every petition to be read in Councell	00.06.00
for an order thereupon	00.06.00
for a coppy of an order of Councell if but one ſide	00.03.00
for each ſide more	00.01.06
for a lett-paſſe for a ſhip or veſſell to depart	00.05.
for recording a deed if not above 2 ſides	00.05.
for each ſide more then 2 ſides ꝑ ſide	00.02.
for ſearching a record if within 2 yeares	00.02.
if more for each yeare	00.01.
for an acknowledging ſatisfaction in ye margin of a mortgage	00.03.
for a certificate that a veſſell was built within this his Majeſties Dominion & for recording the ſame	00.12.
for a proteſt under hand & ſeale & recording y^e ſame	00.06.
for a citation of a perſon to the Councell	00.02.06
for a dedimus	00.10.00
for a licenſe for marriage	0. 5.0

The ffees of the Superior court of tryalls & aſſize as they have been allowed in ye late Government of the Preſident and Councell

The clarkes ffees what yor Excellencie and Honours pleaſe to allow.

[EDWARD RANDOLPH]

FFEES

FFEES FOR Y^E CUSTOME HOUSE.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 274. 17 March, 168⅘

Veſſells inward bound.

Every veſſells entry not exceeding 40 tonn	£00. 3. 6
if above 40 tonn	5.00
ffor a permit or lycenſe to unload	1.00
ffor an oath upon a Ma^rs entry & clearing	0.06.

Veſſells outward bound.

every veſſells Entry to load	1.00
every veſſells clearing not exceeding 40 tonn	3.06
if above 40 tonn for clearing	5.00
ffor a bond for his Maj^ties uſe	5.00
ffor a certificate y^t: Bond is given	5.00
ffor a certificate to take up a bond	5.00
ffor regiſtering and diſcharging a bond	00.06
ffor regiſtering a certificate	0.06
ffor coaſting Veſſells & wood Botes. outwards to enter into bond once a yeare not to Carry European or Plantacon Comodityes without entry	5.00
ffor entry of every coaſting veſſell loading European Comodityes or of the Plantations	1.06
for a lycence to unliver their loadings	1.06
ffor all coaſting veſſells tradeing too and from the neighbouring Colonyes	2.06
ffor a Bond for coaſting veſſells carrying any of the inumerated Comodyties out of this Goverm.	1.00

ED RANDOLPH Coll.

JOHN

JOHN GRANT TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 243.

S^r

I recd y^rs dated ye 26th of November and am glad ye goods are ſafely arrived, I hope you will excuſe ye trouble I have given you, but in any capacity wherein I can ſerve you I ſhall be glad to returne your kindneſſe. ye 22nd of November my wife was brought to bed with a fine boy wch thrives well, Sr John was pleaſed to give him his own name and call him Maynard Grant: your Daughter is very well and ſtill pleaſed to continue as her good company wch is no little ſatisfaction to my wife and myſelfe, S^r though unknowne to you and your Lady, yet ye kindneſſe recd from you towards my humble ſervices, and good wiſhes for you, and herein my wife joynes with me wch is all from y^r unknowne but much obliged friend to ſerve you.

JOHN GRANT

Nevils-Court
in fetter-lane London
March 10th 168⅘

FROM Mr RANDOLPH TO THE COMMITTEE.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 25 (120).

Boſton: March 25th 1687.

Right Honble

In obedience to your Lordſ^ps commands are humbly laid before your Lordſ^ps the Lawes made & paſſed in Councill: together with the Proceedings in Councill ſince his Excellency^s arrivall: the Extreamity of a hard winter & Great diſtance

diſtance of many of ye Members of ye Councill from Boſton, has occaſioned the delay of Such locall Lawes found by Experience neceſſary for ye common benefitt of ye Country which at next meeting of ye Councill will be perfected.

Amongſt ye lawes now tranſmitted to y^r^ Lordſ^ps^, That for continuing & eſtabliſhing Severall Rates & Dutyes etc: paſſd with great difficulty, not that tis a new thing or hardſhip vpon the poeple for there is nothing containd in it but what is tranſcribed out of their printed Law booke & will not amount to in New Eng^d^ money aboue 1000^ℓ^: but they haue alwayes accounted themſelues a free poeple & looke vpon this act to be a Clogg vpon them and their eſtates. His Excellence has taken care to ſettle Civill and Military Officers thro' the whole Gom^t^ & directed that an account be giuen to ye Treaſurer of Such Great Gunns & Small Arms, Ammunition & other vtenſills of Warr, which in ye time of ye late Gom^t^ were purchaſed at ye Countryes charge, to bee diſpoſed of for his Maties Service & Security of ye Country, which is ſo naked and vnprovided for defence ag^t^ any invaſion by ſea or land, that twill coſt a Great deal of money to putt ye Caſtle & forts (of little ſtrength at beſt) in reaſonable repaire: The Quo Warranto brought heither vpon his Excellencyes arrivall was Served vpon ye Gou^r^ of Connecticutt Colony in December laſt, hee has called an Aſſembly, and the poeple of that Colony are all very deſirous to be vnited to this his Matie Gom^t^ hauing from their firſt Settlement held a mutuall Correſpondence in trade & commerce, and indeed neither this Gom^t^ nor that Colony can well Subſiſt, if parted.

Collonell Dongan has appointed the Delivery of ye ffort at pemmaquid & dependances to his Excellency who has accordingly

accordingly ſent a Commiſſion Officer & 22 men to take care of it.

Vpon his Excellency^s arrivall in Boſton, he diſcourſ'd the neceſſity of hauing the vſe (at leaſt) of One of their Churches for the exerciſe of ye Religion of ye Church of England, & there being no convenient place aſſignd for that End, his Excellence hauing firſt adviſed with ye Councill, gaue notice to ye members of ye third Church in Boſton That he intended to haue a Sermon there on Eaſter day; and appointed our Miniſter to perform his Office which he accordingly did between the Houres of 11 and 1; in the forenoon, & 4 & 6 in ye afternoon, not in the leaſt manner obſtructing them who make vſe of that place as formerly.

Wee find it a difficult thing to raiſe a Maintenance for Our Miniſter, and nothing will more obſtruct the Settlement of ye Church of Eng^d. then to haue the Miniſter precarious, he is a Sober and diligent perſon & wants not onely a good encouragement for his Support, but 3 or 4 able perſons ought to be ſent heither to preach in the Seuerall late Governments where are ſome thouſands of poeple men Women & Children vnbaptized.

My Lords I humbly propoſe it very neceſſary for his Maties Service that the Charter of Connecticutt Colony be proſecuted to effect. I know they will employ none to defend it, but let the Law take its Courſe, That (with the late Gom^t at Boſton) they may be paſſiue & not be Said to giue away the poeples Rights: all which I moſt humbly Submitt & remain in all Duty Right Honble Your Lordſ^ps

moſt humble & moſt obedient Seru^t EDRANDOLPH.

To ye Right Honble the Lords of ye Committee, et.

[*Addreſſed*]

[*Addressed*] To the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for Trade & foraign Plantations at Whitehall humbly present

[*Endorsed*] N. England. 25 Mar. 87. From Mr Randolph to ye Comittey. Rec^d^ 17 May 87.

From Mr Randolph to my Ld President.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (122).

Boston March 25 : 1687.

Right Honble

Pursuant to his Excellencyes Commands are humbly transmitted to your Lordsh^p^ the Severall acts which haue passd here in Councill, and are also transmitted vnder the Seal of the Gom^t^ to be laid before the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for Trade: and most humbly Submitted to his Matie the Extreamity of ye winter has greatly obstructed the dispatch of publick busines, but wee labour vnder a greater difficulty, for amongst those many persons chosen out of the Severall Colonyes to be of ye Councill there is not one, who rightly vnderstands the Lawes & practice of the Courts of England; from whence arises a great want of fitt persons to make Judges etc. & other Ministeriall Officers. They haue made themselues Titles to very larg tracts of Land, so that as matters are now Circumstanced Its not Safe to bring titles of Land to Tryall before them where in his Maties Right is concernd the Judges being also partyes. This makes all matters relating to his Matie go on very heavily.

His Excellence besides my Serving a Second writt of Quo Warr^to^ against the Charter of Connecticott, has vsed all

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meanes to a Submiſſion & Surrender of their Charter. The inhabitants are very deſirous to bee vnder this Gom^t The addition of that Colony may in tyme raiſe about 3000^ft a yeare thro' the whole Dominion towards defraying ye publick charg: they ſend formall & dilatory letters onely to gain tyme, but very much to the damage of the whole Territory, for as Our Shipping & fiſhery cannot be carried on without Supplyes of Land proviſions from thence, So neither can they find a markett for the produce of their Colony but with vs. It's therefore for his Maties Seruice that the proſecution againſt their Charter be purſued to effect: His Excellence has taken care to Settle Civill & Military Officers thro' the whole Gom^t and makes it his buſines to putt perſons well qualified in places of truſt.

I haue humbly tranſmitted to the Lords of ye Committee the proceedings of ye Councill, and ſhall in all duty attend their Lordſ^ps commands, and what euer for want of able men to aſſiſt me in my Station is omitted ſhall be plentifully Supplyed by my Continued zeal to Serue his Matie I humbly intreat your Lordſ^ps favour, & remain your Lordſ^ps moſt obedient Servt

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Addreſſed*] To the Right Honble the Earl
of Sunderland Lord Preſident
of his Maties moſt Honble
Councill:
at White Hall.
Humbly preſent.

[*Endorſed*] N: England. 25 Mar. 87.
From Mr Randolph to
my Ld Preſidn.
Rec^d 17 May 8'.

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Lease of the Secretarys Office from Mr Randolph to Mr West.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (217).

This Indenture made the Third Day of May Anno Domini one Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty Seaven and in the Third year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lord James the Second By the Grace of God of England Scotland and ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith, &c. Between Edward Randolph of Boſton In New England Eſqr of the one part and John Weſt of the ſame place Gent: of the other part Whereas Our Said Soveraign Lord King James the Second By His Certaine writing or Comiſion under His Royall Signett and Signe manuall bearing Date at Windſor the one and twentieth day of September, one thouſand Six hundred and Eighty five, in the firſt year of His Reign hath given and Granted unto the Said Edward Randolph the Severall & Reſpective places and Offices of Secretary and Sole Regiſter of His Maty's Territories and Dominion of New England And Him the Said Edward Randolph Secretary and Sole Regiſter of the Said Territory and Dominion hath thereby made ordained and Conſtituted To Have Hold Exerciſe and enjoy the Said Places and Offices unto Him the Said Edward Randolph by himſelfe or His Deputy or Deputies During His Maty's pleaſure Together wth all fees, Rights, priviledges, profitts, perquiſits, and advantages to the Said places & Offices, or Either of them belonging or in any wiſe appertaining Or which Shall belong or in any wiſe appertaine in as full and ample

ample manner to all intents and purpoſes As the Secretary and Regiſter of His Ma$^{ty's}$ Iſlands of Jamaica or of any other His Plantations in America have had or doe now Receive or Enjoy as in and by the Said writing or Comiſſion Relating thereunto being had may more fully and at Large appear Now This Indenture Witneſſeth That the Said Edward Randolph for & in Conſideracõn of the Rent and Covenants herein after in theſe preſents mentioned and Expreſſed Hath granted bargained ſett and to ffarm Lett and by theſe preſents Doth Grant bargaine Sett and to farm Lett unto the ſaid John Weſt the Said ſeverall and Reſpective places and Offices of Secretary and ſole Regiſter of His Said Ma$^{ty's}$ Territory and Dominion aforeſaid, And Him the Said John weſt Secretary and Regiſter of the Said Territory and Dominion Doth by theſe preſents make and Depute To Have Hold Exerſiſe & Enjoy the ſaid places & Offices unto Him y^{e} Said John Weſt or His Aſſignes for and untill the full End and Tearme of ffoure years to Comence from the day of the date hereof and from thence fully to be Compleated and Ended In caſe the Said Edward Randolph ſhall ſoe long hold and keep the Said Offices Together wth all fees Rights priviledges proffitts perquiſits and advantages to the ſaid places and Offices, Or Either of them belonging or in any wiſe appertaining in as full and ample manner as is mentioned and Expreſſed in ye Comiſſion from His Ma^{ty} to the ſaid Edward Randolph before Reſited Rendering and paying And the Said John Weſt doth for himſelfe His Execut^{rs} Adminiſtrators & aſſigns Covenant Grant and Agree To and with the Said Edward Randolph his Executors Adminiſtrators and aſſignes To Render and pay unto the Said Edward

Edward Randolph his Execut^rs Adminiſtrators & Aſſignes yearly and Every year During the Said Term or Soe Long time as He the ſaid John Weſt or His Aſſignes by vertue of theſe preſents Shall hold and Enjoy the ſaid Offices the Sūme of One Hundred and ffifty pounds Currant money by halfe yearly payments in Even and Equall portions And that in caſe the Rent aforementioned Reſerved due & payable to the Said Edward Randolph ſhall not be by the ſaid John Weſt or His Aſſignes well and truly payd at the Severall days and times as the Same ſhall come Due and payable Or within thirty Dayes after Lawfull Demand being made thereof without any Defalcacōn Or abatement whatſoever That then It Shall and may be Lawfull to and for the ſaid Edward Randolph into the Said Offices and places to Enter and the Same to have again Exerſiſe & Enjoy any thing in theſe preſents conteined to the Contrary Notwithſtanding And that He the Said John Weſt & His Aſſignes Shall and will from time to time and at all times during the ſaid Terme fully performe and Execute all things belonging to the Offices and places of Secretary and ſole Regiſter of the Territory and Dominion aforeſaid And will not willfully Omit or doe any Act or Acts In the ſaid Offices & places wher[by] the ſaid Edward Randolph ſhall or may receive any Loſſe prejudice or Damage by His or their Omiſſion or doeing thereof And the Said Edward Randolph doth for himſelfe His Execut^rs and Adminiſtrators Covenant Grant and Agree to and with the Said John Weſt His Execut^rs Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes That He the Said John Weſt and His Aſſignes Shall and may from time to time and at all times During the Said Tearme of ffour years (In caſe He

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the Said Edward Randolph Shall Soe Long Keepe and Hold the ſaid Office) Quietly and peaceably Have hold Exerſiſe and Enjoy the ſaid places and Offices without any manner of Lett hinderance, Diſturbance, moleſtation, interruption, or Contradiction of Him the Said Edward Randolph or any other perſon or perſons whatſoever by from or vnder Him and all Singular the ffees Rights priviledges profitts perquiſits and advantages to the Said places and Offices or Either of them belonging Shall or may have & receive to His own proper uſe benefitt and behooſe without Rendering any accompt thereof or being in any manner of [or] wiſe accomptable unto the Said Edward Randolph His Executrs Adminiſtrators or Aſſignes, paying only the Annuall Rent and ſume of money beforementioned Reſerved In Witneſſe whereof the ſaid Parties to theſe preſents have hereunto interchangably Sett their hands and Seals the day and year firſt aboue written.

Sealed and Delivered
in the preſence of

JOHN WEST
and ſeal.

THO: HINCKLEY
JOHN VSHER.

[*Endorſed*] N. England. 3 May 87.
Leaſe of ye Secrys Office from
Mr Randolph to Mr Weſt,
Recd 10 Oct. 87.

ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT OF PUBLICK WRITINGS ISSUED OUT OF THE SECRETARYES OFFICE OF HIS MA^TIES TERRITORYS & DOMINION OF NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA SINCE DECEMB^R. Y^E 20TH 1686.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 332. 4 May 1687.

Commiſſions for the peace in parchment under the Seal as followeth			
Suffolk 1	£1	..	..
Middleſex 1.	£1	..	..
Eſſex 1.	£1	..	..
Plym^th & Barnaſtable 1	£1	..	..
New Briſtol 1	£1	..	..
Road Iſland, Narraganſett 1.	£1	..	..
County of Hampſhire 1	£1	..	..
Province of Maine 1	£1	..	..
Pemaquid 1	£1	..	..
Province of New Hampſhire 1.	£1	..	..
Copying 5 Lawes paſſed the 8th of March laſt by the Governor and Councill	£2	..	..
Engroſſing them in parchment	£5	..	..
ffive laws paſſed under the ſeal of the Governm^t ſent to the Lords of the Councill	£2	10	..
Copies of the ſame ſent to my Lord Sunderland	£2	..	..
Copies of all the Laws ſent to ye Seuerall Countys & Provinces of the Government at 40^s each	£20	10	..
240 Military Commiſſions at 5^sh a peece	£60	..	..
8 Dedimus Poteſtatem	£4	..	..

Copyes

Copyes of his Ex[les] Commiſſion ſent to New Plym[th] Road Iſland and Connecticot	£1	10	..
3 commiſſions for Judges under y[e] Seal	£1	16	..
Copie of ye Law to my Lord Treaſurer for continueing of Rates	£..	15	..
20 copies of y[e] Ord[r] of Councill of March y[e] 3[d]	£1	10	..
20 Copies of ye Ord[r] of Councill of March y[e] 8th	£1	10	..
20 copies of ye order againſt pedlers	£1	10	..

Seuerall diſburſements by order of Councill as followeth

1686 Dec. 22.	Paid to Rexby for carrying letters to New Briſtol to be ſent to Road Iſland to ſummon y[e] members of the Councill	0.	10.	0
23	to Symon Meſſenger for carriing his Excellencyes letter to the Gov[r] of Connecticutt	4.	15.	0
26	to M[r] Maſſey for carriing letters to Piſcataqua: to ſummon M[r] Hincks and M[r] Ting	1.	15.	0

ED. RANDOLPH Secry.

R. TO BLATHWAIT. [EXTRACT]

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 531.

May 21. 1687.

His Excell, has to do with a perverſe people. Here is none of the council at hand, Except Mr. Maſon, & myſelf, & Mr.

Mr. B. & Mr. Uſher, who appear lively for his Majeſty's Intereſt.

Nothing has been wanting in his Excell., to bring all things to a good poſture, both private & public. He Diſcharges the Duty of an Excellent Govern^r^. But this people are Rivetted in their way, & I fear nothing but Neceſſity or Force will otherwiſe diſpoſe them.

Mr. Randolph to Mr. Povey.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 296.

Boſton, May 21ſt 1687.

Sir,

I have with me your three letters of March the 7th. 11th and 7th April, by Mr. Maſon, for all which I heartily thank you, and for your particular direction in the ſeveral ſtages of my employ. I have very lately had the bonds of maſters of ſhips bound from hence to England in my cuſtody, and thoſe are indorſed that copys thereof are ſent for England; you ſhall not faile of the duplicates if this ſhip makes not too much ſpeed, and for the future you may expect them with my other accounts of the cuſtom-houſe; however I am to take it as a favour if I be permitted to ſend them directly to the cuſtom-houſe, in regard I have been cenſured for ſuffering my papers but to look firſt into the plantation office, and the primier, there now, objected hard againſt me. Pardon my digreſſion, you are ſenſible, how much buſineſs I have lying upon me, to ſend accounts and duplicates from my cuſtom office. I am at 50*l.* a year charge to keep an able clerke. I cannot yet get any fees ſettled ſufficient to pay that charge,

 Mr.

Mr. Stoughton, Mr. Wharton and others objecting that his Majesties salary for 100*l.* a year is to defrey all that charge, so that I am a great loser, besides I am to have deputies in our several ports, and unless they allow fees I am not capable of doing that service at a distance without deputies, and their not allowing moderate fees is only to discourage from inspecting their irregular trade. This his excellency has endeavoured to have rectified, but is opposed by my enemies, to my very great losse, and prejudice to my deputyes. Inclosed is such an account as I could get from Mr. Hooke, late treasurer in the province of Mayne. Mr. Danforth, tho' severall times putt upon it for an account, wholly declines it, and sayed he never received any money but it was all payd to Mr. Hooke, treasurer.

His excellency tryed all wayes to bring the people to quitt rents. There were severall who would take grantes for lands, but as it now falls out his excellency has none to Dispose of; a little time will trye what our new judges Dudley and Stoughton will say, when either Indian purchase or grantes from the generall court are questioned before them. Sir, you will much wonder to hear I have disposed of the secretaryes office, for too inconsiderable a vallue, wheras it was judged worth 5 or 600*l.* I lost mony considerable, during the time I had it, one part the president ran away with, and it was not settled, tho' his excellency endeavoured it, but allwayes opposed, and whatever Mr. West can make of it, I could not get an able man to discharge it, but the whole trouble, care and charge lay upon me. I, some time after his excellencyes arrivall, was directed to prepare Commissions, civill and military for the whole territory. I made 12

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in parchment for the peace, 240 military, copied and engroſſed in parchment all the lawes, and diſperſed copies through the whole government, yet they ſcrupled to allow me for writing them, theſe matters have ſo diſcouraged me that I thought it better to have ſome certainty than to leave all looſe, and know no end to the charge. I hope long ere this you have received the minutes ſince his excellency's arrivall, ſince which nothing conſiderable has paſſed, only ſome lawes about regulating cornfields and cattle, coopers and caſks, they ſtick hard upon that of poſſeſſion as of a generall concerne and next to that, for a law for miniſters maintenance, ſtrongly oppoſed by the quakers. We have had but one meeting of the whole councill ſince paſſing thoſe laws; that of the rates of pieces of eight does not anſwer the end, money grows very ſcarce and no trade to bring it in. The members of the Councill of Rhoad Iſland and New Plimouth have enough of Comeing to ſett in councill, 8 or 10 dayes a time, at their own charge, and I now expect but very thin appearance for the future, in regard the tables are downe, but to the great diſſatisfaction of our brethren.

Twill be for his Majeſtyes ſervice to putt Mr. Shrimpton in the place of Capt. Champernoon and Mr. Luſcombe in the place of Mr. Jo. Sandford of Rhoad Iſland, both dead. Since Colonel Dongan had notice of his excellencies letter to the governor of Connecticott, he has ſent his to tempt them to ſubmit to New Yorke government, with aſſurance of the injoyment of their eſtates and properties, and that they ſhall all be continued in the government, with I know not what other great advantages. If Connecticott goe to New Yorke,

Yorke, it will certainly evince that collony and this government cannot ſubſiſt without a free trade with Connecticott, which will be debarred if they are not annexed to us, or what's worſe for us, to pay 10 per cent. for all wheat, porke &c. brought to us, which we cannot want.

Mr. Maſon is very acceptable to his excellency and to many of us. . . . reports abroad that he has the better of Mr. Maſon. Moody is out of humour, I believe he will be obliged to leave this town. I entreat you to ſend the incloſed as directed, and be aſſured that I am, Sir, your moſt humble obliged ſervant,

E. RANDOLPH.

Sir, you have herewith the duplicates of the laws ſent by Capt. Ware.

To John Povey, Eſq;

ORDER OF GOVERNOR ANDROS TO EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SEIZE THE SHIP SAMUEL & THOMAS.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 367.

Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t^ Capt Generall, Governo^r^ in Cheife & Vice Admiral of his Maties Territory & Dominion of New England To Edward Randolph Eſq^r^ Collector Surveyor & Searcher of his Maj^ties^ Colonies in ye Territory & Dominion aforeſ^d^ Whereas Informacon is given unto me by Capt John George Command^r^ of his Maj^ties^ ffriggatt the Roſe that there hath lately been received on board ye Ship Samuell & Thomas whereof John Tebbitt is Command^r^ & from thence imported & landed within this his Maties Territory & Dominion of New England Severall goods, Wares & Merchandizes of

of ye growth producon & manufacture of Europe which were not truly & bona fide ſhipped & loaden in England Wales or ye towne of Berwick upon Tweed, Contrary to ye ſeverall Laws act & Statutes in ſuch caſes made & provided, Theſe are therefore in his Maties name to require & command yo^u that forthwith yo^u cauſe ye ſhipp with all her gunns, tackell, furniture Ammuniſion & Apparell to be ſeized & ſecured, that ſhe may be further proceeded ag^t according to Law & for ſoe doeing this ſhall be yor Warr^t Given und^r my hand & ſeale att Boſton the 24th day of June 1687.

To the Kings Most Excellent Matie

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (311).

The Humble Petition of Edward Randolph (to be Secretary of all New England)[12]

Sheweth

That y^r Petn^r by his late eſpeciall commands about twelue yeares ſince, entred vpon the managem^t of his Maties publick affaires in New Eng^d and haueing in that tyme made nyne voyages to & from thence, and ſuffred all the Hardſhipps and difficultyes a Treacherous and diſcontented poeple Could Contriue, hee obtaind a Judgm^t againſt the Govern^r and Company of the Maſſachuſetts Bay in New Eng^d and vpon vacating their Charter, That Colony together with the Kings Province the Provinces of Main & New Hampſheir were thereby brought vnder y^r Maties immediate Government.

That y^r Matie was there vpon Graciouſly pleaſed to appoint y^r

[12] Different handwriting.

y^r Petn^r to be Secretary and Sole Regiſter of thoſe Provinces & that Colony: which were all that at that tyme was actually in y^r Maties Diſpoſe: the other Colonyes of Connecticutt and Road Iſland having obtained Patents of Incorporation from his late Matie were Independent Governm^ts and reſolued to Stand & fall by thoſe Charters.

That vpon y^r Petn^rs carriing y^r Maties Royall Commiſſion conſtitutīg and appointing a Preſident & Councill to take vpon them the Goverm^t of that part of the Country then vnder y^r Maties obedience vntill the two other Colonyes were by law or otherwiſe obliged to a Submiſſion: Your Matie was then pleaſed to Command y^r Petn^r to Serue two Writts of Quo Warranto vpon the ſeverall Govern^rs & Companyes of the Colonyes of Road Iſland and Connecticutt: which y^r Petn^r has ſo effectually performed, That y^r whole Plantation of New Eng^d hauing for nigh ſixty yeares been devided into many Petty Governm^ts is now vnited and a Larg and Advantageous Dominion added thereby to y^r Maties Imperiall Crown.

Now for as much as y^r Matie in y^r Princely Wiſdome hath been pleaſed to appoint One Generall Gou^r to preſide & govern that whole Plantation, and y^r Petn^r to the great obſtruction of all publick affaires cannot by y^r Maties Grant Officiate as Secretary in ye Colonyes of Road Iſland & Connecticutt vnleſſe by your Maties New Commiſſion he be impowred there vnto

> your Petn^r humbly prayes y^r Matie to take the Premiſſes into your Royall Conſideration, and as a farther mark of y^r Maties Grace & Bounty to Grant him a Commiſſion to bee Secretary and Sole Regiſter of y^r Maties

Maties Territory & Dōminion of New England as now vnited and Setled (like as is Granted to ye Regiſter of y^{r} Maties other forain Plantations:) Your Petn^{r} hauing by y^{r} Maties Royall favour been Eminently Seruiceable in Bringing that whole Country to an intire dependance vpon the Crown:

and y^{r} Petn^{r} Shall ever pray etc:

EDRANDOLPH:

from Boſton in New Eng^{d}
Augt ye 9th 1687.

[*Endorſed*] 9 Aug. 1687.
Mr Randolph's Petition
to be Sec^{ry} of all N: England.

DECLARATION OF INDULGENCE TO BE PUBLISHED IN NEW ENGLAND BY S^{R} EDM. ANDROS.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 61, p. 341.

Memorandum.

On the 28th day of May 1687, Their Lo^{ps} at y^{e} Councill at Hampton Court, ſigne a Circular Letter to Sr Edmund Andros, requiring him to Cauſe His Ma$^{ty's}$ Declaration for Liberty of Conſcience and Indulgence in Religious Matters, to be publiſhed in New England, And to be obſerved and put in Execution there; And that where Pardons ſhall be deſired in Caſes relating thereunto, he grant the Same under His Ma$^{ty's}$ Seal for that Plantation.

Signed

JEFFREYS C. H. ARUNDELL C. P. R. BATHE
SUNDERLAND P. POWIS. PRESTON

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THE REVOLUTION IN NEW ENGLAND JUSTIFIED BY EDWARD RAWSON AND SAMUEL SEWALL CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF EDWARD RANDOLPH WRITTEN TO MR. POVEY DATED AUGUST THE 25TH, 1687:

Andros Tracts, Prince Society, Vol. I. p. 113.

"I believe all the Inhabitants in *Boſton* will be forced to take Grants and Confirmations of their Lands, as now intended;[13] the Inhabitants of the Province of *Maine* which will bring in *vaſt profits to Mr. Weſt*, he taking what Fees he pleaſes to demand. I ſhall always have a due Honour and Reſpect for his Excellency, but I muſt buy his Favour at three or four hundred pounds a year loſs."

ACCOUNT OF ARTICLES FROM SHIP JOHANNA UNDER SEIZURE DELIVERED BY EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 75.

Portſmouth
Sept ye 5: 1687

Be it remembered that I then delivered 8 ſmall iron Gunns with their carriages together with all ye yards & topmaſts which did belong to the Ship Johanna of Portſmouth Phillip Severett Maſter unto Mr Butler ſent by Collonell

[13] The claim made that the ownerſhip of the entire ſoil of Maſſachuſetts was veſted in the Sovereign by the vacating of the Charter was ſimilar to the declaration made by Wentworth in Ireland in 1635 that "the King had a clear and undoubted title to the whole of Connaught . . . if they [the inhabitants] ventured to refuſe to acknowledge the King's title, they would do ſo at their peril." See *The Perſonal Government of Charles I.*, by Samuel Rawſon Gardiner, Vol. II. pp. 153, 154, ed. 1877.

Collonell Dongan to receive the ſaid ſhip and furniture, who then accordingly took poſſeſſion of them in the preſence of Arthur Hoddy and James ffloud: E. R.

Portſmouth
Sept. ye 7th 1687

Be it likewiſe be remembered that I then went to the Ship Johanna lying moored at Mr. Cutts wharfe and cauſed the Ship to be cleared of William Harper who pretended to be aboard the Ship to keep poſſeſſion for Mr. Severtt and the Ship then hauing no perſon aboard. I tendred to Mr Butler & deſired him to take her into his poſſeſſion, but he abſolutely refuſed in the preſence of George Jeffryes Maſter & Arthur Hoddy:

Wm Glanvile's Letter of Attorney to Edward Randolph.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 65.

Know all men by theſe p^rſents that Wm Glanvile of Boſton within his Maj^ts Territory & dominion of New England in America hath made Ordayned Conſtituted & Apointed Edward Randolph Eſq. of the ſame place his true & Lawfull Attorney to aſk demand & receive of Wm Hooke of Kittery in the province of Newhampſhire all ſuch ſum̄e or ſum̄es of money as is due to the ſaid Wm Glanvile and for non payment thereof to arreſt attach ſue implead and impriſon him the ſd Wm Hooke his Execut^rs or Adminiſtrators for ſuch ſum̄e or Sum̄es of money as aforeſaid or any part thereof and upon Receipt and payment thereof him the ſd W^m

Hooke

Hooke his Execut^rs or Adminiſtrators out of Pryſon to deliver: & Releaſe or other Sufficient diſcharge to & for the ſame, In witneſſe whereof him the ſd Wm Glanvile have hereunto ſett his hand & ſeale this one & thirtyeth day of Auguſt 1687 W. GLANVILE

1 Sept. 1687
there apeared before me
ye above ſaid Wm Glanvile
& acknowledged this to be
his Act & Deed
JN^o USHER.

LETTER FROM ANDROS; TOWNS REFUSE TO PAY TAXES.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 109, p. 118.

At the Committee for Trade & Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at Whitehall
Thurſday the 1st of Dec: 1687.

Preſent: Lord Preſident, Marquis of Powis, Earl of Peterborow, Earl of Craven, Earl of Caſtlemain, Earl of Middleton, Lord Viſco^t Preſton.

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New England

Sr Edm: Andros letter 28 Sept.

A Riot at abt Assesments.

. . A letter from Sr Edmund Andros to the Committee dated the 28th of September laſt read, giving their Lo^ps an account that ſeveral of the Towns in the County of Eſſex had refuſed to make their Aſſeſſments or Rates, ſome of them having Voted very factiouſly, vpon which ſeveral of the Cheif Incendiaries had been committed, and others bound over; to Anſwer at the next Superior Court, or to bee Tryed at a ſpecial Court to bee held at Boſton.

PETITION

Petition of Edward Randolph for Nahant Neck.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 172. [1 October 1687.]

To his Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t^ Govenor &c.

The humble petition of Edw: Randolph that there is a certaine tract of land nigh the Towne ſhip of Linn in the County of Eſſex in this his mat^ty^ Territory and Dominion out of ſence & undivided, Containeing about five hundred acres, commonly called Nahant Neck for which your Petitioner humbly prays his mat^ty^ grant and that your Excellence would pleaſe to iſſue a Warrant to the Surveyor Generall to admeaſure the ſame in order to paſſing a patent, he paying ſuch moderate Quitt Rent as y^r^ Excellence ſhall pleaſe direct for the ſame

and yr peti^r^. etc. E. Randolph

Proceedings ag^t^ Wise and others of Ipswich for Misdemeanors.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (243). Oct. 1687.

At a Court held in Boſton in the County of Suffolke in the Dominion of New England by an Eſpeciall Comiſion of Oyer & Terminer &c the third day of October being Munday in ye third year of ye Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord James ye Second King of England &c before Joſeph Dudley Eſq^r^ &c. & from thence by adjourm^t^ Continued till Munday ye 24th of y^e^ ſame month when it was diſſolved.

Memorandum,

New Engt. Memorandum, That on the third day of October in the third yeare of Our Lord the King aboveſd before the Juſtices of Our ſaid Lord the King at Boſton came George ffarewell Gentl who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King in this behalfe ſued and brought here into the Court of Our ſaid Lord the King A Certaine informacon againſt John Wife of Chebaco within the Townefhip of Ipſwich in the County Of Effex Miniſter Jno. Appletoune of Ipſwich aforeſaid Gentl Jno. Andrews of the ſame place Yeoman Thomas ffrench of the ſame place Taylor Robert Kinſman of the ſame place Yeoman And William Goodhue of the ſame place Yeoman of a plea of High Miſdemeanour & John Doe & Richard Roe are pledges of proſecucon which ſaid Informacon followeth in thefe words ff: New England ff: George ffarewell Gentl who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King in this behalfe proſecutes Comes here into Court in pper prſon and on the behalfe of Our ſaid Lord the King Gives the Court here to underſtand and be informed That Whereas John Vſher Eſquire Treaſurer & Receiver Generall of Our ſaid Lord the King within this his Territory & Dominion of New England the twentyeth day of July in the Yeare of Our Lord the King aboveſd Purſueant to the Laws & practice of the ſaid Dominion & by Vertue of A Certaine Act Lately made by his Excellency Sr. Edmund Androſs Knight his ſd Mtyes Governr of his ſaid Dominion and his Councill lately publiſhed Entituled An Act for the Continueing & Eſtabliſhing of Certaine Rates Dutyes & Impoſts did Iſſue forth a Certaine warrant under his hand and ſeale directed to the Conſtable & ſelect men of The Towne of Ipſwich in the County of Effex within his ſaid Majeſtyes Territory

Territory & Dominion of New England requiring the Conſtables of the ſaid Towne forthwith upon receipt thereof to Call together the Inhabitants of the ſaid Towne who were to Chooſe One amongſt themſelves to be A Comiſoner And that ſuch Comiſoner ſo choſen together with the ſelect men of Ipſwich aforesd ſhould ſome time in the month of Auguſt Then next Enſueing make a Liſt of all the male perſons in the ſaid Towne from ſixteene yeares of Age and upwards And A true Eſtimacon of all Reall & perſonall Eſtates in ſuch manner & forme as in the ſaid Act is particularly Directed all which pſons & Eſtates were by the ſaid Comiſoner & the ſaid ſelect men to be aſſeſſed and Rated as followeth Viz: Every ſuch pſon as Aforeſaid (Except the members of his Majeſtyes Councill) One ſhill Eight pence p head and all Eſtates Reall and pſonall at One penny p Every twenty ſhill According to the Rates of Cattle &c. in the ſaid Act menconed & the sd Comiſoner Was thereby likewiſe required upon the firſt wedneſday in the month of September then next following to meet and Aſſemble with the other Comiſoners of the ſaid County at their Shire or County Towne & bring with them fairly written the juſt number of males liſted as aforeſaid and the aſſeſſment of Eſtates made in the ſaid Towne where the Comiſoners being ſo aſſembled ſhould duely and carefully Examine the liſts and Aſſeſſments & Correct & perfect them According to the true intent of the ſaid Act And the ſame perfected the sd Comiſoners were ſpeedily to tranſmitt to his ſaid Majeſtyes Treaſurer & Receiver Genll under their hands or the hands of the Major part of them And Whereas the ſaid Warrant at Ipſwich in the ſaid County afterwards (that is to ſay) the fiftenth day of

of Auguſt in the yeare of the King aboveſd was Delivered to John Harris One of the Conſtables of the ſaid Towne of Ipſwich Nevertheleſſe John Wiſe of Chebaco within the Townehip of Ipſwich aforeſaid in the County Aforeſaid Miniſter John Appletoune of Ipſwich aforeſaid Gentl John Andrews of the ſame place Yeoman Thomas ffrench of the ſame place Tailor Robert Kinſman of the ſame place Yeoman and William Goodhue of the ſame place Yeoman with divers other evill diſpoſed & Diſaffected perſons to the ſaid George ffarewell unknown nothing ignorant of the p'miſſes but Contriving and malitiouſly & ſeditiouſly intending the Laws Goverment and Authority of Our ſaid Lord the King of his ſaid Territory and Dominion of New England into hatred diſgrace & Contempt to bring and the hearts and affections of his ſaid Majeſtyes Liedge people from their Alledgiance & Obedience to Our ſaid Lord the King due to alienate Eſtrange & withdraw the two & twentyeth day of Auguſt in the third yeare of the Reigne of Our ſaid Lord the King that now is and divers Other dayes & times before at Ipſwich aforeſaid (to witt At Boſton in the County of Suffolke) with force and armes &c: factiouſly unlawfully maliciouſly and ſeditiouſly did Aſſemble & meet together and then and there Did Conſpire & Endeavour to make the ſubjects of our ſaid Lord the King of his Territory and Dominion of New England aforeſd to beleive and be perſwaded that they were not Obliedged to obey or Obſerve the Laws or Acts Made by his ſaid Excellency S' Edmund Androſs Knight his ſd Majeſtyes Govern' here and his Councill for the Government of his ſaid Majeſtyes Territory and Dominion aforeſaid or the ſaid Warrant ſo iſſued by the

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ſaid Treaſurer as aforeſd thereunto purſueant and to perfect and bring to paſſe ſuch their factious unlawfull ſeditious & malitious Contriveances & conſpiracyes aforeſd they the ſaid John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Rob: Kinſman and William Goodhue with divers Other Evill minded and diſaffected perſons as aforeſd at Ipſwich aforeſaid (to witt at Boſton aforeſd) the three and twentyeth day of Auguſt in the third yeare of Our Lord the King aforeſd being mett & aſſembled together he the ſaid John Wiſe Did openly & publickly factiouſly maliciouſly and ſeditiouſly ſay publiſh and declair in the preſence and hearing of Them the ſaid John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinſman & William Goodhue and divers other evill minded and diſaffected perſons That the ſaid Warrant ſo by the ſaid Treaſurer iſſued as aforeſaid was not Legall & to Obey and Comply with the ſame were to loſe the liberty of ffreeborne Engliſh men And he the ſaid John Wiſe did likewiſe then and there Excite and ſtirr up the people To be wiſe and Conſider before they acted any thing which might be to their prejudice And that they Ought to have an Aſſembly before they payd any Rates contrary to and in Contempt of the Laws of his ſd Majeſtyes Government and the ſaid Warrant of the ſaid Treaſurer And to perſwade others the ſubjects of Our ſaid Lord the King to beleive the aforeſaid ſpeeches of the ſaid John Wiſe To be true They the ſaid John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinſman & William Goodhue with ſeverall other evill minded & diſaffected perſons the ſaid three and twentyeth day of Auguſt aforeſd At Ipſwich aforeſaid (to witt at Boſton aforeſd) Did adviſedly

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& maliciouſly Draw up and make or Cauſe to be drawne up and made A certaine factious ſeditious & malicious writeing Declaracõn or Vote in theſe Words Viz: At A Legall Towne meeting Auguſt the twenty third One Thouſand ſix hundred Eighty ſeven aſſembled by vertue of An Order from John Vſher Eſq^r Treaſurer for chooſing A Comiſoner to joyne with the Select men to aſſeſſe the Inhabitants according to an Act of his ſd Excellency the Govern^r & Councill for Levying of Rates the Towne then conſidering that the ſaid Act doth infringe their Liberty as ffree Borne Engliſh Subjects of his Majeſty by interfearing with the ſtatute laws of the Land by which it was Enacted that no taxes ſhould be levyed on the ſubjects without conſent of an Aſſembly choſen by the ffreeholders for aſſeſſing of the ſame they do therefor Vote That they are not willing to Chooſe A Comiſoner for ſuch an end without ſaid priviledges & moreover conſent not that the ſelect men do Proceed to lay any ſuch Rate untill it be appointed by A Generall Aſſembly Concurring with the Govern^r and Councill Voted by the whole Aſſembly twice. Which ſd writing the ſd John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinſman & William Goodhue did then and there cauſe to be openly read and publiſhed And the ſaid John Appletoune ~ Pretending himſelfe to be Towne Clerke of Ipſwich aforeſaid did then and There write and Enter the ſaid writeing Declaracõn & Vote into the Towne Book and maliciouſly and deſignedly did Give out Publiſh and diſperſe ſeveral Copyes thereof by meanes whereof ſeverall Others his ſaid Majeſtyes ſubjects were ledd aſide ſeduced & brought from their duty & allegeance to the great ſcandall

dall ſcorne & contempt of the Government of Our ſaid Lord the King of his Territory and Dominion of New England aforeſd To the Evill Example of all Others in the like caſe offending and againſt the peace of Our ſaid Lord the King his Crowne and Dignity &c: And hereupon comand was Given to the Sherriffe of the County of Suffolke that he ſhould forthwith bring here into the Court of our ſaid Lord the King the ſd John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinſman and William Goodhue in their Propper perſons to hear and Anſwer to the ſaid informacon and they were brought and aſked the hearing of the ſaid Informacon and it was Read to them And the ſaid John Wiſe ſaid that he was not Guilty of the High Miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner & forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe Vpon the Countrey And the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſd John Appletoune ſaid that he was not Guilty of the high miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner & forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who ffor Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſaid John Andrews ſaid that he was not Guilty of the High Miſdemeanour aboveſaid in manner & forme as the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: in like Manner

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And the ſaid Thomas ffrench ſaid that he was not Guilty of the high miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner and forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſd Robert Kinſman ſaid that he Was not Guilty of the High miſdemeanour aboveſaid in manner & form as the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſd William Goodhue ſaid that he was not Guilty of the high miſdemeanour aboveſd in Manner & forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed And of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: in like manner Therefore Comand was [given?] to the Sherriffe that he ſhould forthwith cauſe to come here into the Court of Our ſaid Lord the King twelve honeſt & Lawfull men &c: By whom &c: And who neither &c: to take Knowledge &c: becauſe aſwell &c: And the Jurors thereupon impannelled (to witt) William White late of Boſton Merchant Anthony Howard late of the ſame place Merchant Samuel Ravenſcraft late of the ſame place Merchant Peter Bowden late of the ſame place Gentl James Lloyd late of the ſame place Merchant Stephen Weſendonck late of the ſame place Merchant William Browne Late of the ſame place Merchant Samuel

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Proctor late of the ſame place Merchant John ffoy late of the ſame place Merchant Edward Perry late of the ſame place Merchant Benjamin Davis late of the ſame place Merchant and Richard Harris late of the ſame place Merchant came into the Court of our ſaid Lord the King Who to ſay the truth of the p'miſſes being choſen tryed and ſworne upon their Oaths ſaid that the ſaid John Wiſe was Guilty of the high Miſdemeanour aboveſaid in manner & forme As the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him had informed And the ſd Jurors ſo as aforeſd choſen tyred and ſworne upon their Oaths likewiſe ſaid that the ſaid John Appletoune was Guilty of the high miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner and forme as the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him had informed And the ſaid Jurors ſo as aforeſaid Choſen tryed and ſworne upon their Oaths likewiſe ſaid that the ſd John Andrews was Guilty of the High miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner and forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him had informed And the ſd Jurors ſo as aforeſaid Choſen Tryed and ſworne upon their Oaths likewiſe ſaid that the ſd Thomas ffrench was Guilty of the High Miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner & forme as the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him had informed And the ſd Jurors ſo as aforeſd Choſen tryed and ſworne upon their Oaths likewiſe ſaid that the ſd Robert Kinſman was guilty of the high miſdemeanour aboveſaid in manner And forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him had informed And the

the ſaid Jurors ſo as aforesd Choſen tryed and ſworne upon their Oaths likewiſe ſaid That the ſaid William Goodhue was Guilty of the high miſdemeanour abovesd in manner and forme As the sd George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him had informed Whereupon Comand Was to the Sherriffe of the ſaid County of Suffolke That he ſhould take into his Cuſtody the Bodyes of the ſaid John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinſman & William Goodhue And Becauſe the Juſtices of Our ſaid Lord the King have not yet adviſed themſelves what judgement to Give upon the p'miſſes therefore further day was Given untill munday the four and twentyeth day of October inſtant At which day before the ſaid Juſtices of our ſaid Lord the King at Boſton aforesd Came the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Soveraigne Lord the King &c: and Demanded judgement againſt the sd John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinſman & William Goodhue And they were brought to hear the Judgement of the Court on the p'miſſes And thereupon it was Conſidered that the ſaid John Wiſe be ſuſpended from the publick and Private Miniſtry within his Majeſtyes Territory and Dominion of New England during the pleaſure of his Excellency his ſaid Majeſtyes Govern' there for the time being Pay fifty pounds Currant money of New England as a fine to Our ſaid Lord the King Give ſufficient ſurety in One thouſand pounds like money for his good behaviour towards Our ſaid Lord the King and all his Liedge people during one yeare next pay the Coſts of his Proſecution And till this be performed that he Remaine in the Cuſtody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Conſidered

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of the ſaid John Appletoune that he be incapable of Receiving any publique Office within his Majeſtyes Territory & Dominion of New England during the Pleaſure of his Excellency his ſaid Majeſtyes Govern.r there for the time being pay fifty pounds Currant money Of New England As a fine to Our ſaid Lord the King Give Sufficient ſurety in One thouſand pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our ſaid Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Coſts of his proſecution and till this be performed that he remaine in the Cuſtody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Conſidered of the ſaid John Andrews that he be incapable Of Receiving any publique Office within his Majeſtyes Territory and Dominion of New England During the pleaſure of his Excellency his ſaid Majeſtyes Govern.r there for the time being pay thirty pounds Currant money of New England as a fine to Our ſaid Lord the King Give ſufficient ſurety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our ſaid Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Coſts of his proſecution and till this be performed that he remaine in the Cuſtody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Conſidered of the ſaid Thomas ffrench that he be incapable of Receiving any publique office within his Majeſtyes Territory & Dominion of New England During the pleaſure of his Excellency his ſaid Majeſtyes Govern.r there for the time being pay fifteene pounds Currant money of New England As a fine to Our ſaid Lord the King Give ſufficient ſurety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our ſaid Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Coſts of his proſecution and till this be performed

performed that he Remaine in the Cuſtody of the Sherriffe &c: And it is Conſidered of the ſaid Robert Kinſman that he be incapable of Receiving any Publique Office within his Majeſtyes Territory and Dominion of New England During the pleaſure of his Excellency his s̃d Majeſtyes Governour there for the time being pay twenty pounds Currant money of New England as a fine to Our ſaid Lord the King Give ſufficient ſurety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our s̃d Lord the King and all his Liedge People During One yeare next pay The Coſts of his proſecution and till this be performed that he Remaine in the Cuſtody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Conſidered of the ſaid William Goodhue that he be incapable of Receiving any publique Office within his Majeſtyes Territory & Dominion of New England During the pleaſure of his Excellency his ſaid Majeſtyes Govern.r there for the time being pay twenty pounds Currant money of New England As a fine to Our ſaid Lord The King Give ſufficient ſurety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our ſaid Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Coſts of his Proſecution and till this be performed that he Remaine in the Cuſtody of the Sherriffe &c: And the ſaid John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinſman and William Goodhue are in mercy, &c.

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Proceedings agſt Wiſe & others
of Ipſwich for Miſdemeañ.
Rec.d 18 Jan : 87.

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THE STATE OF HIS MA^TIES REVENUE IN NEW ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (213). 10 Oct. 1687.

The Revenue rifes by Cuftoms Impofts Excife and Country Rate.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The Excife was by the Prefident and Councill farmed for One yeare Ending the 12th of June paft att	450 0 0	
Dureing the Prefidents time one third of the Cuftoms and Impofts was abated for money as was Coftomary wch fome time after the Governors Arrivall was altred and only Twelve p Cent allowed for Leakage and after that Manner Collected the Cuftoms and Impoft for one full yeare amounted to	1346 4 7	2466 4 7
Off which one thoufand and Forty two Pounds was difpofed of by the Prefident and Councill		
The Country rate at one peny p Pound amounted the laft yeare to about one thoufand Two hundred Seventy and three Pounds but the Same being in Country Pay one third was allowed to reduce it to money as Coftomery and with other Charges will bring it in money to about	670 0 0	
But by the Prefent Act no abatment being to be made Supofe may amount to about 1200£ Pound wch is more	530 0 0	
The ffarme of the Excife being out & now managed by Commiffion will probally amount to £1000 p Anñ or upwards is more	600 0 0	1380 0 0
There being no abatment upon Customs and Impofts but twelve p Cent Leackage Supofe may amount to Sixteen hundred pounds which is more by about	250 0 0	
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All which will be ~~ffarr~~ Short of the Necceſſary Charge of the Government.

Therefore as the Eaſieſt and beſt way to Advance the Same Its Propoſed

That the Impoſt of Wines from Ten Shillings thirteen Shillings four pence and Twenty ſhillings p Pipe as now Paid be made Equall for all Sorts and raiſed to Thirty ſhillings p Pipe.

That ye Exciſe upon all Wines retailed be raiſed from ffifty Shillings p Pipe to One Shilling p Gallon and all Brandy Rum and Strong Waters retailed from Eight pence p Gallon to One Shilling.

That the Exciſe of all Beere Ale and Syder retailed be raiſed from one Shilling three pence to Two Shillings Six pence p Barrell

And whereas the peny rate by reaſon of the Greate Diſproportion in the priſes and Vallue of Horſes Cattle Sheep Corne &c: in the Severall parts is both unequall and Contrary to the Uſage in Severall places pticularly in the Diſtant Collonys and Provinces now annexed and Occaſions Greate truble and Expence to Gather and bring to the Treaſury; ⌣

If His Matie would Pleaſe in Stead thereof for the future to Order a Certaine Sume or Authorize the Councill there to do it for ſoe much as ſhall be wanting yearly to defray the Charge of the Government (after the Cuſtoms Impoſts and Exciſe paid as aforeſaid) by Equall Shaers and portions on the Severall Countyes and Townes leaving the manner of Aſſeſing the ſame to the Inhabitants According to former Uſuage

Uſuage The Same will be farr Eaſier and more Certaine to His Matie

The Charge of the Government

		£.	s.	d.
Two Companyes of Souldiers in his Maties Pay as by Eſtabliſhment		2065	05	10
Chaplin Ma^r^ Gunner and Armorer		212	18	4
Two Gunners for Boſton fforthill South and North Battrey at 12^d^ each p Diem		36	10	0
A Commoſſary and Store Keeper neceſſary wanted at 4^s^ p Diem		73	00	0
The Ma^r^ Gunner at the Caſtle on Caſtle Iſland at 2^s^ p Diem	36: 10: 0			
One Gunner for the Caſtle and Battry on Caſtle Iſland	a 18: 5: 0	54	15	0
A Gunner at Piſcattaway at 12^d^ p Diem		18	5	0
A Gunner at Pemaquid at 12^d^ p Diem		18	5	0
The Cheife Judge	150: 0: 0			
Two other Judges	240: 0: 0	390	0	0
The Treaſurer at 1^s^ p Pound is for the laſt yeare		122	6	0
The Receiver of the Cuſtoms and Impoſt at 2^s^ p pound is for the laſt yeare		134	12	0
The Severall Officers in the Out ports (viz) Salem Piſcattaway Briſtoll and Road Iſland		100	0	0
For the Collecting the Exciſe at preſent are Imployed Two Collectors and three Survayers and Gagers the Charge whereof may be about		200	0	0
Fire and Candle for the Souldiers and Guards	—	—		
Reparations or New ffortifications and other Incidentall Charges	—			
The Governours Sallary		——		

[*Endorſed*] The State of His Maties Revenue in N. England Anñ 1687. Rec^d^ 10 Oct: 1687. Read at ye Com^tee^ 31 Oct: 1687.

A SHORT NARRATIVE OF MY PROCEEDINGS AND SEVERAL VOYAGES TO AND FROM N. ENGLAND TO WHITEHALL DURING THE TIME OF MY MANNAGEING HIS MAJ^TIES AFFAIRES IN N. ENGLAND, HUMBLY PRESENTED BY EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. pp. 218–220.

1675[6] Mar. 20th. I rēcd his Maj^ties Letters to the Govern^r and Compā of ye Maſſachuſets Bay in New England to attend at Whitehall and anſwer ye complaints brought ag^t them by Mr. Maſon and Mr. Gorges.

1676 June 10. I arrived in N. England and ded his Maj^ties Letters to ye Govern^r and Council then ſitting at Boſton.

July 30. I embarked myſelf for England.

Sept. 10. I landed at Dover and preſented the Rt. Honble ye L^ds of ye Cōmitee for trade wth a Narrative of ye Eſtate of their Countrey and Government, and exhibited articles of high miſdemeanour ag^t ye Governo^r and Compā.

1678 Decem^r 20 Two agents arrived in England from Boſton to make their defence. I attended two years and made good my charge ag^t the Govern^r and Compā at ye Councel Chamber. The agents confeſs the fact, pray his Maj^ties pardon, and acknowledge his Maj^ties right to ye Governm^t of the Province of New Hampſhire.

1679 Sept. 10. The Boſton agents have leave to returne and new agents to be ſent wth full power.

Octob^r 23. I was commanded to go for N. England by way of N. York to carry over his Maj^ties Commiſſion of Governm^t

Governm^{t} directed to a Prefident and Council in New Hampfhire.

29. I fhipped all my goods and houfehold ftuff of a confiderable value upon a veffel belonging to N. England and are all loft at fea, together wth his late Maj^{ties} picture and Royal Armes fent to N. Hampfhire.

Decemr 7. I arrived to N. York and travelled by land from thence to New Hampfhire in ye winter, nigh four hundred miles.

27. I arrived at N. Hampfhire and after great Oppofition made by ye Boftoners, fettled his [Majefty's] Government in that Province.

Janr7. 15. His Maj^{ties} Governm^{t} declared and owned in ye Province of New Hampfhire.

28. I returned from N. Hampfhire to Bofton impowered by the Com^{rs} of his Maj^{ties} Cuftoms to prevent ye Irregular trade. I feized feveral of their veffels wth their Loading.

1680 His Maj^{ties} authority and ye Acts of Trade difowned openly in their Courts and I was caft in all thefe caufes and damage given ag^{t} his Maj^{ty}.

[1680-1] March 15. Having complained hereof I returned to England and obtained his Maj^{ties} Letters Pattents to be Coll^{r} &c. of his Maj^{ties} Cuftoms in New England.

1681 May 20 The Rt. Honble ye Lords of ye Comitee for trade report to his Maj^{ty} that in confideracon of my good fervice I ought to have a hundred pounds annually added to my former Sallary of one hundred pds but his Maj^{ties} fervice requireing my

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ſpeedy returne to N. England I was diſpatched away and that addition not ſetled.

Decemr 17. I arrived again at Boſton in N. England wth his Majties Comiſſion appointing me Collr &c. but that Comiſſion is oppoſed, being looked upon as an encroachmt on their Charter.

Mar. 10. A law Revived by ye Aſſembly to try me for my life and for acting by his Majties Commiſſion before it was allowed by them.

1682. His Majties Commiſſion not allowed to be read openly in Courts. My Deputies and under officers impriſoned for acting by virtue of his Majties Comiſſion.

Augt. 20. Other agents from Boſton arrived in England.

Septr. 20 Boſton agents appearing are directed to procure larger Powers.

Decemr 20. I Recd orders from ye Lords of ye Comitee to returne to England to proſecute a Quo Warranto agt ye Boſton Charter.

1683 May 28. I arrived in England.

June 13. I was ordered to attend Mr Attorney Genll wth proofs of ye charge agt ye Boſton Governmt.

July 20. Ordered a Quo Warranto be brought agt Boſton Charter.

Octobr 17[26]. I arrived in N. England ſerved ye Quo Warranto, publiſhed and diſperſed two hundred of his Majties Declaracons.

Decemr 14. I Imbarked myſelf for England, had a dangerous voyage, the veſſel wrecked at ſea, both her ſides carried away in a ſtorm, and my goods loſt.

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Febr. [1684] 14. I arrived at Plymouth and was commanded to attend and profecute ye Boſton Charter.

Octob^r 1684 23. Judgm^t was entered up for his Maj^tie ag^t ye Boſton Charter.

Decem^r 20. I was ordered to prepare articles ag^t ye two colonies of Rhode Iſland and Connetticott.

July 1685 15. The Attorney Gen^ll ordered to iſſue out writs of Quo Warranto ag^t ye Collony of Rhode Iſland, Connetticott &c. and againſt y^e ſeveral Proprietors of Maryland, Penſilvania and Eaſt and Weſt Jarſey.

Augt 15. I was directed to ſerve ye Quo Warranto upon my Ld Baltimore, Proprietor of Maryland, and ye Proprietor[s] of Eaſt and Weſt Jarſey, and to ſerve ye two writts upon ye Colonies of R. Iſland and Connetticott, all wch I duely pformed.

Jan^y [1686] 20. I and my family Imbarked upon ye Roſe ffriggot for N. Engld.

May 1686 14 I arrived at Boſton wth his Maj^ties Comiſſion of Governm^t to a Preſident and Council.

Then the Colony of ye Maſſachuſets Bay, ye Province of New Hampſhire and Maine are brought under his Maj^ties Governm^t.

May 30. I ſerved ye writ of Quo Warranto upon the Govern^r and Compā of Rhode Iſland.

June 12. I made a ſecond journey to Rhode Iſland to receive ye Gen^ll Court's Anſwer.

July 12. I ſerved ye writ of Quo Warranto upon ye Govern^r and Compā of Connetticott above one hundred and fifty miles diſtant from Boſton.

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The Govern^t and Compā of Rhode Iſland humbly ſubmit to his Maj^tie and are by his Maj^ties ſpe^tl order to his Excell^cy Sr Edmond Andros, Kn^t united to this Governm^t.

Decem^r 28. I rec'd a ſecond writ of Quo Warranto ag^t Connetticott and was ordered to ſerve it.

Decem^r 30. A ſecond writt upon ye Governm^t of Connetticott is ſerved upon ye Governm^t. They make their humble ſubmiſſion of themſelves and Governm^t to his Maj^tie.

1687. Octob^r 25. His Excell^cy goes to Hartford ye chiefe town in Connetticott and erects his Maj^ties Governm^t there, ſo y^t now y^e ſeveral Colonies are united under his Maj^ties Imediate Governm^t and authority vizt: the Maſſachuſets, New Plymouth, Connetticott, Rhode Iſland, and ye Provinces of N. Hampſhire Maine and Pemaquid, and ye King's Province lying above ſeven hundred miles in length and above ſeven hundred miles upon the weſtern Sea.

Certificate from Edward Randolph.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 295.

Cuſtome houſe.

Boſton in New Eng^d.

Theſe may certify whom it doth concerne that James Thomas, Maſter of the Bark John, late of Rochell, has ſatiſfied me the full of my demands of one third part of the value of appraizement of the ſaid Bark due to me as proſecutor of the ſame:

Witneſs

Witneſs my hand this twenty ſecond day of December 1687

ED. RANDOLPH, Coll.

HATS SHIPPED BY THOMAS BRADFORD TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 17.

Shipped by the Grace of God in good order and well conditioned by Mr. Thomas Bradford in and upon the good Ship called the Katherine of London whereof is Maſter under God for this preſent Voyage Wm. Tucker and now riding at Anchor in the River of London and by Gods grace bound for Boſton in New England, to ſay, tow Deale-boxes, Con-
B teining Eighty nine hatts marked as in the margent,
S being marked & numbred as in the Margent, & to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned at the aforeſaid Port of Boſton (the danger of the Seas onely excepted) unto Mr. Edward Randolph, or to his Aſſigns, he or they paying Fraight for the ſaid Goods twelve ſhellins ſterlin with Primage & Average accuſtomed. In witneſs whereof the Maſter or Purſer of the ſaid Ship hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading all of this Tenor and date; the one of which three bills being accompliſhed, the other two to ſtand void. And ſo God ſend the good Ship to her deſired Port in ſafety. Amen. Dated in London the 30th Juin 1686

Wm TUCKER

Acc't

Acc't of hatts ſold on acco^tt of Edward Randolph Eſq^r.

1687.	Aprill 7 ſold Robert Glaſwell 1 Caſtor hatt N° 2	£ . . " 15 " —
	June ſold for caſh 2 d^o N° 1. at 9.	£ . . " 18 —
	July 2 ſold James Hill 1 ditto N° 1. at	£ . . " 10 —
	7 Sold Wm Gibbins 19 ditto N° 1. at 9.	£ 8 " 11 " —
	14 ſold Sam^ll Bryant 2 ditto N° 2 at 15	£ 1 " 10 " —
	7ber ye 5 Sold David Robertſon 3 ditto N° 2 at	£ . . " 18 —
	xber ye 14 ſold Wm Gibbins 16 d^o n° 1 at 8/9 1 d^o N° 2 at 9 /	£ 7 " 9 " —
		20 " 11 " —
	Recd 4 " 1.	

Joseph Dudley to Edward Randolph.

Mather Papers, Vol. VI. p. 62, in Boſton Public Library.

To Edward Randolph, Eſq^r.

S^r,—I made my Excuſe yeſterday to M^r Weſt for my abſence. I am this morning ill & uncapable to ride. You have already a coppy of ye letter you deſire, & that which is in my hand is not Mr Mather's own writing, but only his ſubſcription. What may be done by ye one will alike be done by ye other. Give my humble Service to his Excellency. I wiſh his health while I want my own,

Your ſerv^t, J. Dudley.

15 Dec. 1687.

Memorand. that this 29th Decemb. 1687, I was at Roxbury with the Preſident, who owned the Incloſed to be a true coppy of Mr. Mather's lr̃e, And at any tyme on occaſion he would have the Originall In court. Giles Master.

Warrant

WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF INCREASE MATHER.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 702.

Suffolk ss.

By Vertue of his Maj^{ts} Writt of Capias to me Directed, Returnable before his Maj^{ts} Juſtices at the Next Superior Court of Pleas, to be held in Boſton on the Laſt Tueſday in January nexte, you ſhall Areſt Increaſe Mather to Anſwer (L. S.) To Edward Randolph Eſquir: of a Plea of Treſpas uppon the Caſe, to the Plaintiff's Damage five hundred pounds. Da^{t}. the 24th of Dece. & in the Thirde year of his Maj^{ts} Reigne, 1687

JAMES SHERLOCK, Sher^{ff}.

Vera Copia, Thomas Larkin.

RANDOLPH'S SUIT AGAINST REV. INCREASE MATHER.

Among the *Andros Records* in the poſſeſſion of the American Antiquarian Society is a paper in Randolph's handwriting entitled:

"Breefe in ye caſe betwixt E. R. pt. & I. M. deft. proofes:

That I. M. did write the libell and ſend it to Mr. Dudley: produce the copy of ye Letter ſign^{d} by Gyles M^{r}: demand his depoſition G: Maſter.

That the letter was ſent by I. M: quere. J. Dudley.

That ye letter was made publick Jo: Uſher. Sam̄ Shrimpton. quere who ſhowed it them & where;

That it was likewiſe made publick at Salem Mr. Hale deſire him to produce ye originall.

Of whom he had it?

 whither

whither not made publick in Salem.

That Edwd Randolph & not Barn^{d}.

* [vizt. y^{t} it was Rand. himſelſe for it is well known he did once exhibit a complaint ag^{t} this Colony etc.

produce the Articles of High miſdemeanours:

10 articles expreſſes it Confeſſ'd by Ag^{ts} petition

[let all men judge whither any but Rand.

[whither he has imitated my hand or forged any more letters] produce his letters to Mr Gouge & Mr Keek:

That Rand: has been all along imployed in his Mat^{ys} Speciall ſervice produce the paſſes: from K. C.

the Commiſſions from ye L^{ds} of the Treaſury:

the paſſe from K. James

the letter of ye Govr & Councill:

how ye people do ſtir up y^{r} people to deſtroy me: he engaging the people in his perſonall ſlandders.

probabilityes that Mather was ye Author

Mather accuſes me does not excuſe himſelſe of that ſaying as Ahab required Naboths vineyard. There was a meeting about ye 19th of December ſoon after my departure upon Balſton, at ye town houſe, the words proved by Capt. White & he had not the Confidence to denye them in vindication.

not all to be believed in his letter: he denyed he ever knew Mr Gouge.

M^{r} Luſcomb."

—— —— TO INCREASE MATHER.

Hiſtorical Papers of C. W. Tuttle, edited by Colonel Albert H. Hoyt, p. 305.

As to the Action of Defamation

Pleaſe to Know that as to things incertaine or dubious noe ꝑticular Action can be comenced vpon. Now 'tis noe where aſſerted in that Lre that Edward Randolph was the fforger of that Lre. As to that (that "belike the Jewes Name was either Edward or Bernard Randolph;") 'tis not ꝑticularly appropriated to Edward Randolph, ſoe that for the incertainetye thereof Noe Action can lye at the Suite of Edward Randolph, and "one of the Randolphs being detected of ſuch villanye is lately fled to ſave his Eares," which cannot touch Edward, and that "Randolph is a great Knave" is too genall to Comence an Action vpon, and that "'tis ſuſpected that he may be the Author thereof," is too genall ſtill to mainteyne an Action; and as to an Action for words, it cannot bee, for that the ꝑper words for ſuch action are (Retulit, ꝓpalavit & publicavit in auditu quamplurimorum ſubditorum Dni Regis in his anglicanis verbis, videl', &c.) then writeing of a Lre barely to one, I cannot vnderſtand to be a publication, altho the ꝑſon to whome the Lre was Writt doe ſhew it to ſeverall; but he may be ſaid to publiſh, &c.

But let them firſt prove the Lre to be yours, which you need not owne, and you may ſafely plead, That you are not guilty (modo & forma vt querens verſus eum queritur.) Et de hoc, pon ſe ſup. patriam, &c.

In haſt. I am Yrs. &c.

[C. C.?]

INCREASE

INCREASE MATHER TO JOSEPH DUDLEY.

Mather Papers, Vol. VII. p. 2, in Boſton Public Library.

Theſe for ye Hon^rable Joſeph Dudley, Eſq. in Roxbury.

S^r, — I have for many years ſhewed all ye reſpect to y^r ſelſe & y^rs which I could do, & have wiſhed for an opportunity of doing more. Providence has ſo ordered y^t it is now in y^r power to do me a kindneſs. I deſire nothing but what is juſt & righteous, & therefore am confident you will hearken to me. I then pray you to conſider whether it can ſtand with juſtice in Mr. R[andolph]s caſe to find for him at all. For 1. I never did poſitively charge him wth ye forged letter; only declared my ſuſpicion. Now, except ye charge be poſitive & particular the caſe is not actionable as a ſlander. The truth is I never thought that hee (& therefore could not charge him,) but a brother of his was the forger, only I wiſh he can *bonâ fide*, clear himſelſe from being privy to that wickedneſs. 2. No man can ſay y^t my name was ſubſcribed wth my owne hand, or y^t ye Scribe might not miſtake ſeveral words, & ſend a wrong copy to y^rſelſe. 3. Mr. R. is legally guilty: Hee y^t has falſely to ye Secretary of State & others, charged me wth a letter wch is a forged thing, is legally guilty of y^t Forgery. But Mr R. has done ſo. In his letter to Mr Bradſtreet, (who has bin ſo kind as to give it to me) dated 7^ber 4, 1684, He confeſſeth y^t hee informed Sir L[eoline J[enkins] & ſeverall of ye Lords, y^t I was ye Author of y^t letter to Mr Gouge. And in his letter to Mr Shrimpton dated July 18th 84, (wch I have by me likewiſe) Hee accuſeth me wth y^t treaſonable letter. I have little knowledge in ye Statutes of ye Land, but ſome acquaint-

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ance wth ye Laws of God I ought to have. If y^e^ ſtatute, Deut. 19, 18, 20, may take place, Mr R. ought to dye ye death for having falſly & malicioufly accuſed me wth a capital crime.

Theſe things I thought it my concern humbly to ſuggeſt to you. I comend you to God, & reſt, Sir,

Y^rs^ to ſerve you

I. MATHER.

Janȳ. 24th, 1687.

S^r^, — I muſt entreat you to be as kind to me as Mr Bradſtreet has bin, in giving me Mr R.'s letter to y^r^ſelfe wth wch Hee ſent ye Forged Letter of mine.

MR. RANDOLPH TO MR. POVEY.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 299.

Boſton Jan. 24. 1687.

Sir,

I am much obliged to you for yours of the 22d of Sept. laſt, with the newes and copy of Sir Robert Holmes commiſſion, all which I gratefully received from Capt. Leg, who arrived here the 10th inſt. and delivered your letters, and packetts to his excellency our governor, who, being in great ſorrow for the loſſe of his good lady who dyed the 22d inſtant, deſires me to preſent his humble ſervice to Mr. Blathwayt and to yourſelfe, and to excuſe his not writing to you by this accidentall opportunity of a veſſell going for Holland with logwood and muſt touch at ſome port in England.

By

By the ſeverall Gazetts, filled with addreſſes, I find you are all at liberty at home, and I believe the court is ſo taken up with the weightier matters of ſtate that there will be no room for my wife to addreſſe my petition for a confirmation of my office of ſecretary and ſole regiſter, &c. which I pray may be enlarged and extended to the limitts of the preſent government. I ſee no reaſon why I ſhould reſede in my deſires of getting an underſtanding gentleman to come from home to engage in diſcharge of the ſecretary's and regiſter's office, which is very beneficiall to Weſt, no fees being as yet agreed upon, and I have ground to believe deſignedly done to diſcourage any to undertake that office, whilſt, in the mean time, he extorts what fees he pleaſes, to the great oppreſſion of the people, and renders the preſent government grievous. I have wrote you of the want we have of two or three honeſt atturneys (if any ſuch thing in nature) we have but two, one is Mr. Weſt's creature, came with him from New-York, and drives all before him; he alſo takes extravagant fees, and for want of more the country cannot avoid coming to him, ſo that we had better be quite without them than not to have more. I have wrote Mr. Blathwait the great neceſſity of judges from England. I know there are ſome loyall gentlemen and able lawyers, who have not practice; the judges with us, being now 3, have 390*l.* betwixt them all, beſides their fees, which they make very conſiderable to them: Now, two will ſerve our occaſions. They ought to be of the Councill and their Salaryes made up 400*l.* a yeare, apeece, they will deſerve it. As for Mr. Bulkley he is ſtupified and drown in melancholy, and almoſt uſeleſſe, being ſeldom with us. I formerly wrote you about

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a fitt perſon to aſſiſt in my office. Beſides the loſſe I dayly receive, Mr. Weſt is cryed out upon by all; and whom Mr. Blathwayt or you ſhould recommend will be acceptable. Capt. Nicholſon tells me Mr. Martin who was to come over with Col. Kerke, is out of buſineſs and believes he would accept of the office: I would have an honeſt gentleman, who will not be drawn to ill company, but will mind his buſineſs: There are many about court, but now out of my mind. Pray, pleaſe to aſſiſt my wife in what may be for my intereſt.

Severall veſſells are gone from hence to Bermodos, but are deſigned for the wreck. No news yet of Sir John Norburrow or Sir William Phips being there. We cannot yet agree upon the prizes [prices] of money: Some would have all peeces of 8, tho' of 15 pennyweight, go at 6*s*. New-England, others at 17; but they ſtand at 17½. Our money goes all away and ſhall have little or none to ſupply ordinary occaſions.

Since the governor's arrivall New Plimouth colony have great profitt whale killing: I believe they will have nigh 200 tons for to ſend to England, and will be one of our beſt returnes, now beaver and peltry fayles us. I have a deſire to ſee England once more, but I know not when I can get an opportunity, or my buſineſs will allow of my abſence, till I take leave of it, which I am not much diſpoſed to think of till I hear all things are ſettled with you. I ſhall write you all our proceedings, as opportunity offers. Not further, but that I am, Sir, Your moſt humble ſervant,

EDWARD RANDOLPH

Juſt now notice is come that Will.
Harris is arrived at Piſcataqua.

ORDER

ORDER OF SIR EDMUND ANDROS TO EDWARD RANDOLPH TO KEEP ALL THE TREASURE TOGETHER AND BRING IT TO BOSTON, AS REQUESTED BY WILLIAM BURROUGHS, MASTER OF THE BRIGANTINE. 20 FEBRUARY 168⅞.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. pp. 53–58.

S^r. Edmund Andros Kn^t. Capt. Generall Governor in cheife & Vice Admirall of his Maties Territory & Dominion of New England to Edward Randolph Eſq^r. Whereas by his Maties Order unto me directed bearing date ye 22^d October laſt paſt the one Moiety or halfe part of all Plate Silver gold or treaſure of any kind taken up out of ye Wrecke near Hiſpaniola or from any other wrecke whatſoever is Ordered to be recovered & received for his Maties uſe and whereas the Brigantine Supply whereof William Burroughs is Commander is lately arrived from the ſ^d Wrecke att ye Porte of Briſtoll with Plate & other treaſure taken up out of the ſame I doe therefore by theſe preſents Authorize and require you forthwith to repaire on board the ſ^d Brigantine & there recover and receive ye Moyety or halfe parte of all ſuch plate ſilver gold or threaſure of any kind as you ſhall find on board her or that has been taken up out of y^e ſ^d wrecke for his Maties uſe as aforeſaid and having received the ſame fforthwith to cauſe it to be brought and ſafely Conveyed by land to Boſton in ye Executing & performing whereof all Juſtices of the Peace, Sheriffs Conſtables and all other his Maties officers both civill & military & all his loving ſubjects are hereby ſtrictly charged & required to be ayding helping & aſſiſting to you therein as Occaſion and for ſoe doeing this ſhall be unto you and them a ſufficient Warrant given under my

my hand & ſeale att Boſton ye 18th day of ffebruary in ye 4th yeare of his Maties Reigne Annoq^u Dñi 1687-8.

By his Excell^e Comm^d.

John Weſt D. Secry.

Council Meeting.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 173.

Att a Councill held in Boſton on fryday
the third day of ffebruary 1687[8]

Preſent: His Excellencye Sr Edmund Andros Knt. &c., Joſeph Dudley, Th^o Hinckley, John Hincks, Francis Nicholſon, Will Stoughton, John Uſher, Nathan^l Clarke, Saml Shrimpton, Robt Maſon, Barth. Gidney, Edwd Randolph, Will. Browne, Eſqrs.

Upon reading this day in Councill the petiçon of Edward Randolph therein praying his Majeſtyes grant of a certaine part of vacant land lyeing nigh the Towne of Lynn in the County of Eſſex comonly called Nahant neck & Conteyning about five hundred Acres.

Ordered that the conſtables of ſaid Towne or either of them on receipt hereof doe give publique notice in the ſaid Towne of Lynn that if any perſon or perſons have any clayme or pretend to the ſaid Land they appeare before his Excy the Goveno^r in Councill on Wedneſday the ſeventh of march next then and there to ſhew forth the ſame and why the ſaid Land may not be granted to the Petitioner as deſired and that they faile not therein and to make due returne.

By order in Councill &c.

John West. D. Secry.

Received

Received this order from the hands of Jeremiah Belcher the 2nd day of this inſtant March 168⅞ and attending thereunto have given publique notice of the matter ordered therein this 5th of March &c. by me John Edmonds,

Conſtable in Lyn.

OBJECTIONS OF LYNN TO THE PETITION OF E. RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 174.

To his Excellency Sr Edmund Andros Knt & or Honorable Governr with his Honourable Councill to ſitt with him on Wedneſday the ſeaventh of this inſtant March 168⅞

Having received the order etc . . .

Wherefore wee the proprietors of the paſture of Nahant & Inhabitants of Lynn have in duty & obedience to or preſent & Honourable Governor & his Honourable Councill preſented before them as followeth:

Imp. our humble & moſt thankful acknowledgt of the favour ſhowed unto us in giving us notice of ſuch an enterpriſe (as whereby) ſhould it take effect would ſoe extreamely indalmage ſoe many of his Majeſtys good ſubjects . . .

That wee have in our Records: that in the yeare 1635: this tract of Land viz our Nahants was in the hands of the then freemen of Lynn to diſpoſe of whoe did then grant unto ſeverall inhabitants lands to plant & build upon & poſſeſſe, & they did not performe the conditions, they to whome it was granted, forfeited the land, ſoe graunted to the Towne agayne to diſpoſe as ſhall be thought fitt and among thoſe to whome theſe lands were graunted, that worthy & honourable

honourable Gentleman Mr Humfreys was one who was a patentee & an aſſiſtant in the firſt Governmt, therefore ſure, it was the Townes lands then.

that thoſe inhabitants yt did build & dwell there they were tributaries or tennants & paid their yearly rent to the Towne, as long as they lived or were removed by the Towne, as to inſtance Robert Coates, yet living to teſtify it.

there have been ſome that have layde a clayme to this land called Nahant & commenced a ſiewt at Law with the Tovne for it, but were caſt at Law: the Court that then was gave the tovne the caſe, juſtyfied the townes right, never denyed it nor blamed them about it.

This trackt of land. it hath beene divided into planting lotts to the ſeverall proprietors by the voat of the Towne, as appeares in our records Anno 1656 & the whole fenced as a common feild & of the lotts beene improved by the proprietors in planting tilling & manuring & afterwards by the agreement of the proprietors converted into a paſture & ſoe ever ſince to this day improved ſoe wee have by hard labour & induſtry ſubdued it into ſoe good a capacity as it is to this day for the Townes future benefitt and none others.

Wee have honeſtly purchaſed the ſaid trackt of land with our money of ye originall proprietors of the ſoyle, viz. the natives & have firme confirmations thereof under hands & ſeals according to law.

Wee have poſſeſſed & improved the ſaid trackt of land upwards of ffifty years, for ſoe long ſince it hath beene built upon, inhabited by tennants paying their acknowldgmts yeare after yeare. Wee hope arguments of this nature wil be ſwaying with ſoe rationall a Common Wealths man as

Mr

Mr Randolph whoe hath ever pretended great reſpect to his Majties ſubjects among us & an earneſt care & deſigne to promote their welfare & proſperity. The premiſes conſidered wee believe a Gentleman under ſuch circumſtances will not bee injurious by ſeeking a particular benefit to impoveriſh & diſadvantage ſoe many of his majties good ſubjects by ſeeking the alienation of ſuch a trackt of land ſoe eminently uſefull & needfull for thoſe proprietors now in poſſeſſion of it. It being a thing ſoe conſiſtent with his Majties pleaſure that his ſubjects ſhould enjoy their properties and flouriſh under his Government. . . . It will be extremly prejudiciall if not impoveriſh the body of ye inhabitants of Lynn whoe live not upon Traffique & trading as many ſeaport townes doe, whoe have greater advantages, but upon huſbandry & raiſing ſuch ſtocks of Cattle & Sheep as they are capable & as their outlands will afford for this our Nahant is ſuch a place for us (as God & nature hath fitted & accommodated with herbage & likewiſe the only place about us for ſecurity for our creatures from the teeth of the ravening wolves. . . . therefore the ſaid trackt of land hath been improved by the proprietors as a grazing field with great benefit to the body of the whole towne. . . . if the paſture be alienated from us our poore familyes will be very great ſufferers. . . . we ſhall bee rendered very uncapable. . . . to contribute ſuch dues & duties to his Majties Government ſett over us. . . . Wee then in humility crave the favour of his Excellency & his honourable Councill for ſuch a tryall and proceſſe as the Law may admitt off in ſuch a caſe. . . . ſigned by the Committee in the name & behalfe of the Proprietors of Nahant.

To

TO HIS EXCELLENCE S^R EDM^D ANDROS GOV^R

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 176.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

The humble repreſentation of Edward Randolph ſheweth: That having by his humble petition to y^r Excellence prayed a grant of a certain tract of land lying in the townſhip of Lin in the County of Eſſex etc. called Nahant, your Excellence was pleaſed by y^r order in Councill the 3^d day of Nov: laſt to direct that the Conſtable of the ſ^d town do give publick notice to the ſ^d town that if any perſon or perſons had any claime or pretence to the ſ^d Land they ſhould appeare before y^r Excellence in Councill on Wedneſday the 7th of this inſtant March at which tyme ſeverall of ye inhabitants of the ſaid town of Linn did appeare & preſented y^r Excellence with a paper containing their ſeverall objections to the ſaid petition.

in anſweare whereto its humbly offered as follows:

That in their ſaid paper it does not appeare by whom or at what tyme the Lands petitioned for, or any part thereof were diſpoſed of to the inhabitants of Linn: nor that the ſ^d town of Linn was incorporated in ye yeare 1635 nor at any tyme ſince & ſo not inveſted with a power of receiving or diſpoſing ſuch lands.

That the few men of Linn mentioned in the firſt Article in their ſ^d paper were not ffreemen of the Corporation of Lin (as they would inſinuate) but inhabitants only in the townſhipp & were admitted by ye Gen^ll Court to be free men of ye colony with power to elect Magiſtrates etc. & their town

town of linn is equall to a village in England & no otherwiſe.

And in regard their whole paper contains nothing more materiall than what is expreſſed in their firſt Article, y^r Peti^nr hath nothing further . . . to offer than to praye y^r Excellence grant according to his petition

all which is humbly preſented.

Council Meeting.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 36.

Att a Councill held at the Councill Chamber in Boſton ye 3^d day of february 1687 [8].

Preſent: His Excye. Sr Edmund Andros, Kn^t, &c.; Joſeph Dudley, Th^o Hinckley, John Hinckes, ffran.: Nicholſon, Wm Stoughton, John Uſher, Nath. Clarke, Sam^ll Shrimpton, Robt Maſon, Barth. Gidney, Edwd Randolph, Wm Browne, Eſqrs.

Foraſmuch as the ſeverall orders formerly made for taking an account of the publique Records of the late Maſſachuſetts Colony have not been attended that the ſame might be putt into the Secryes Cuſtody and all perſons have recourſe to them as occaſion Ordered that M^r Iſaac Addington and Mr John Herbert Coward be and are hereby deſired and authorized in the preſence of Mr Edward Randolph Secy and Mr Edward Rawſon the late Secry or ſome one in his behalfe doe take an account in writeing of all the ſaid Records and that they beginn the ſame on Tueſday next and continue day by day about the ſame till completed and that all the ſaid Records be delivered into the hands

and

and cuſtody of the ſaid Secr̃y and the account thereof by them taken forthwith returned to this board under their hands. By order in Councill. etc.

JOHN WEST D. Secr̃y.

WARRANT FOR CAMBRIDGE PROPRIETORS OF LAND TO APPEAR AND PUT IN CLAIMS ADVERSE TO PETITION OF EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 68.

Att a Councill held at the Councill Chamber
in Boſton on Wedneſday the 29th of febr. 1687[8].

His Excellency Sr Edm. Andros, Knt, &c.; Joſeph Dudley, Jno Winthrop, Wayte Winthrop, John Uſher, John Green, Edw: Randolph, ffra. Nicholſon, Samuel Shrimpton, Eſqrs.

Upon reading this day in Councill the Petition of Edwd Randolph Eſqr praying his Maties grant of a ctain tract of vacant and unappropriated land contayneing about ſeaven hundred acres lying between Spy Pond & Sanders Brook neere Watertown in the County of Middleſex *Ordered* That the Sheriff of ſaid County doe forthwith after returne hereof give publ. notice both in Cambridge & Watertown that if any perſon or perſons have any clayme or ptence to the ſaid land they appeare before his Excellency the Govr in Councill on Wedneſday the ſeaventh of March next, then & there to ſhew forth the ſame, & why the ſaid land may not be granted to the Petitionr as deſired, of wch he is not to faile & to make due return

By order in Councill &c.

March

March 4 168⅞ memd: this warrant was ſent up from Boſton to Camb: on ye ſabbath day morning by a boate, wch was an unuſuall thinge in yt place to ſee ye ſabbath day ſo pophaned, & a warrant poſted up on ye meeting houſe to give notice.[14]

Council Meeting.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 81.

Att a Councill held att ye Councill Chamber
on Thurſday ye 6th day of March 1687[8].

Prſent: His Excellency Sr Edmund Andros, Knt., &c.; Joſeph Dudley, Wm Stoughton, Jno Winthrop, Waite Winthrop, Jno Uſher, Barn. Lathrop, Nathl Clarke, Richd Arnold, Edw: Randolph, ffrancis Nicholſon, Eſqrs

The Peticon of Mr Edward Rawſon being this day read praying to be conſidered for his trouble & time ſpent & imployed in ſorting & taking an account of ye publique Records of ye late Maſſathuſets Collony *Ordered* that ye Sume of three pounds be payd him by ye threaſurer out of his Majties threaſury as a Gratuity for ye ſaid ſervice. Mr Iſaack Addington & Mr Jno Herbert Coward praying this Board to be allowed ye ſume of £3; 9s; 9d for their trouble Attendance & Expences in ſorting & taking an Account of ye publique Records of ye late Maſſathuſets Collony pſuant to an order of this Board as by their acct prſented *Ordered* that

[14] *Maſſachuſetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 56. "p virtue of this order notice is Given to yc pſons concerned. p Samll Gookin Sh'ff. 5 March 87/8."

that ſd ſume be allowed them & payd by ye Threaſurer out of his Maties threaſury accordingly.

Upon hearing ye Petiçon of Edwd Randolph Eſq^re praying an order for y^e ſume of £47: 10: 9 being for his truble Charges & Expences in travelling from Boſton to Briſtoll & there receiving & ſecureing ye halfe parte of y^e ſilver & plate imported in ye Brigantine Supply Wm Burroughs Ma^r from ye Wrecke for his Maties uſe & bringing y^e ſame by Land to Boſton afforeſd as by his acc^t thereof likewiſe p^rſented wch this Board taking into Conſideraçon doe allow y^e ſame & *Order* that y^e ſ^d ſume of £47: 10: 9 be forthwith payd him out of ye money reteined for his Maties uſe as afforeſd.

Upon hearing ye Petiçon of Edwd Randolph Eſq^re praying an allowance of y^e ſume of 10^lb ye value of his horſe loſt on a journey to Hartford in July 1686 & eight pounds more for his expences being for his Maties ſervice, wch this board taking into Conſideraçon doe *Order* that y^e ſume of £15 be payd unto him by ye threaſurer out of his Maties threaſury for his Loſſe & Expences on the Journey.

To his Excellence Sr Edmond Andros Govr

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 84.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

The humble petition of Edward Randolph Sheweth:

That about ye month of July 1686 your petn^r was directed to go from Boſton to Hartford to tranſact with that Govr for his Maties Service.

That your Petn^r did accordingly perform that journey

 and

and loſt his horſe valued 10lb & expended the ſum of eight pounds in guides horſe hire & travelling expenſes for himſelfe and Capt Davis. your petnr humbly prayes yr Excellence that the ſaid ſums may be allowed of and added to the Generall Charges of the expedition to Hartford

And yr petnr ſhall etc.

ED. RANDOLPH

ORDER THAT PUBLIC RECORDS BE PUT INTO THE HANDS OF EDWARD RANDOLPH, SECRETARY.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 238.

Att a Councill held att ye Councill Chamber in Boſton on Tueſday ye 6th day of March 1687[8]

Prſent: His Excellr Sr Edmd Andros, Knt &c.; Joſeph Dudley, Wm Stoughton, Jno Winthrop, Waite Winthrop, Jno Uſher, Jno Lathrop, Nathll Clarke, Richd Arnold, Edwd Randolph, ffran. Nicholſon, Eſqrs

Upon reading this day in Councill ye Reports made by Edwd Randolph Secry, Edwd Rawſon, Iſaack Addington & Jno Herbert Coward together with ye account by them taken of ye publique Records of ye late Maſſachuſetts Collony, purſuant to an ordr of this Board bearing date ye 3rd of ffebruary paſt *Ordered* that ye Records be forthwith taken into ye Cuſtody & Charge of ye Secry & kept with ye other Records of this Dominion in the Secrys office where all prſons may have recourſe to them as occaſion [may require] & that ye key hitherto kept by Mr. Rawſon of ye place where ye Records are be forthwith delivered to ye Secry.

By order in Councill

PETITION

PETITION AND REMONSTRANCE OF INHABITANTS OF CAMBRIDGE IN REGARD TO EDWARD RANDOLPH'S PETITION. [7 MARCH 1687–8]

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 85.

To his Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t Capt Generall and Governour in Cheife of his Maties Territory and Dominion of New England and his Majeſties Councill

The Petition and Addreſs of his Maties moſt Loyall Subjects, the Inhabitants of Cambridge

In moſt humble wiſe ſheweth:

In obſervance of the Councill's order ſent unto us refferring unto thoſe lands petitioned for by Edward Randolph, Eſq^r wee humbly informe and certifie yor Excellency and the Council that they are neither vacant nor unappropriated Lands and are a part of thoſe Lands granted by his Ma^tys Royall Charter under the Great Seale of England to the perſons therein mentioned and by the Governm^t and Company of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to the Towne of Cambridge as the Records of the Generall Court will ſhew and have been quietly poſſeſſed & improved by this Towne of Cambridge for more than fifty yeares. And was alſo purchaſed of the Indian Natives that claimed title thereto. And more perticularly as to thoſe mentioned by the Petition^r Scittuate and Lying between Spy Pond and Sanders Brooke they were by allotment granted and meaſured and more than Forty yeares now paſt to ſundry of the Inhabitants of this Towne, and they have accordingly peaceably poſſeſſed and improved the ſame and are att this day Lawfully ſeized thereof.

thereof. And for that other part Lying near to Water Towne Lyne the Towne hath hitherto improved thoſe Lands in common for Timber ffire wood and Paſture for all ſorts of Cattle, the juſt intereſt of each pſon therein haveing been Legally ſettled more than forty yeares and the proprietors have accordingly reſpectively bought and ſold their intereſts as they have ſeen meete. And for the ſecureing ſaid Lands from Damage to ourſelves by our neighbours of Watertowne the proprietors of ſaid Lands have att their great Charge Erected a ſtone wall more than one mile in Length and made Proviſion of gates upon the high wayes as was needfull.

Wee doe alſo humbly Informe yor Excellency and Councill that the Lands above Petitioned for are of ſoe great concernment to the Inhabitants of this Towne for their neceſſary Supplies of Timber fire wood and Paſture, that ſhould wee bee Deprived thereof it would be the Inevitable Ruine of more than Eighty Familyes of his Ma^tys Subjects here ſettled who have ſpent their Strength and Eſtates in Confidence of their Indubitable right and peaceable injoyment thereof by virtue of his Maties Royall Charter and to them Legally derived in manner as is above recited

Wee Doe therefore Render to yor Excellency and hon^ble Council our humble and thankfull acknowledgement of yor reſpect to our Welfare (as well as to Juſtice and Equity) in giveing us this opportunity to Informe yor Excellency and hono^rs of our claime and juſt title to thoſe Lands Petitioned for as above ſaid and doe humbly pray that the Royall authority wherewith his Ma^ty have inveſted yor Excellency for the Governm^t of this part of his Dominion may putt a check upon your f^d Information and unreaſonable requeſt of the

Petition^r

Petition^r for ſaid Lands. And that yor Petition^rs may not be thence Illegally Ejected or Diſturbed in their peaceable Enjoyment thereof, Contrary to his Late Ma^tys Declaration of the 26 July 1683 publiſhed upon the Iſſuing a Quo Warranto againſt the Late Charter of this Colony and to his preſent Maties Gracious Declaration to all his Loveing Subjects for Liberty of Conſcience and maintaining them in all their properties and poſſeſſions in any their Lands and propertyes whatſoev^r, the benefitt whereof wee humbly claime

Yo^r Petitioners are his Maties moſt Loyall and yor Excellencyes humble Servants and Supplyants in the name and by the order of the Inhabitants of Cambridge

JOHN COOPER
WALTER HASTING
FFRANCIS MOORE
JOHN JACKSON
SAM^LL ANDREW [15]

REPLY OF THE PROPRIETORS OF LANDS BETWEEN SANDERS BROOK AND SPY POND.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 298. [28 June, 1688.]

The Reply [16] of the proprietors of thoſe Lands lyeing between Sanders Brooke and Spy Pond neare unto Watertowne

[15] Preſented a ſecond time 28 June. See *Maſſachuſetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 297.

[16] In the *Maſſachuſetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 116 [March 7] is the ſame reply ending, however, with the words, "If anything be yett behind on our part neceſſary for the evincing our claims, wee humbly pray that wee may be informed what thoſe things are and time given us to bring in our further anſwer to yor Excellency and ye Councill. Sam^ll Andrew Walter Haſtings Zachariah Hicks John Goue."

towne in the County of Middlefex To an anfwer made to their Addrefs p'fented to yo: Excelency and the Hono^ble Councill reffering to the Petition of Edward Randolph Efq: he praying a Grant of feaven hundred acres, part of the abouefaid Tract of Land as vacant and unappropriated

You: humble Suppliants doe Craue leaue to remind yo: Excellency and the Honble Councill

That in our Former addrefs wee haue briefly declared and afferted our Juft Title and Claime to faid Lands deriueing the fame from His Mat^ties Royall Grant by his L^res Patent under the Great Seale, under the Security whereof The Firft Planters of this Colony adventured themfelues into this then waft and defolate wildernefs and haue here wafted and fpent great Eftats and many liues for the planting Peopling and defending themfelues and his Maties right therein, the abouefd Royall Grant being made not onely to the Gentlemen named in faid L^res Patent, Butt alfoe to all fuch others as they fhall admitt and make free of their Society makeing them one body Politique, By the name of the Governour and Company of the Maffachufetts Bay in New England, And under that name are Impowred to make Laws and ordinances for the good and welfare of faid Company and for the Gouernment and ordering the faid Lands and Plantation and the people that fhall Inhabitt therein as to them fhall feem meett. Wee further Declare that by the faid Gouernour and Company, the faid Lands Petitioned for by Edward Randolph Efq: are granted to Cambridge then called NewTowne, and by the faid Town haue binn orderly diftributed amongft their Inhabitants, the grant and fetlement

ment whereof upon the ſeuerall Proprietors and there names, as they ſtand entered in the Town Booke wee herewith exhibitt to your Excellency and the Councill. If Further evidence be required of the ſame, or of our poſſeſſion and Improument thereof, plainely evinceing that thoſe Lands are neither vacant nor unappropriated as the petition^r hath repreſented

You^r Excellency have not req^red of us to ſhew or demonſtrate that ye formalityes of the law haue binn in all the circumſtances theirof exactly obſerved nor doe wee Judge it can rationally be expected from a people ſoe circumſtanced as the firſt planters were, by whome thoſe matters were acted in the Infancy of theſe plantations, They not haueing Councill in the law to repaire unto, nor would the imergencies that then ineuitably happend admitt thereof, And as wee humbly Conceive nor doeth the Law of England require the ſame, of a people ſoe circumſtanced as they then were. Butt from the begining of this Plantation haue approued themſelues Loyall to His Maj^tie and in all reſpects haue intended the true ends of His Maj^ties Royall Grant and through Gods great bleſſing on their Indeavou^rs Raiſed here a Plantation that redounds greatly (as is well knowne in the world) To the Honour and profitt of the Crowne, And His Late Maj^tie by his Letters ſent to the Gouernour and Company, accordingly declared His Royall Acceptance thereof with promiſe of Protection in our long and orderly ſettlement of this Colony, as His Maj^tie was Gratiouſly pleaſed to terme the ſame, The Further Security, whereof giuen as by the Declaration of His Late Maj^tie when the Quo-warranto was Iſſued forth againſt this Colony, as alſoe by His Preſent

Maj^tie

Maj^{ties} In His Declaration, as in our Addreſs ſoe wee doe hereby again Humbly Claime.

In the Name and by the Order of the Proprieto^{rs} together with our ſelues of thoſe Lands Petitioned for By Edward Randolph Eſq^{r}.

JOHN COOPER
WALTER HASTINGS
SAM^{LL}: ANDREW
FFRANCIS MOORE
JOHN GOUE

[*Endorſed*] 28th June 1688. 2nd Cambridge Anſwer ab't ye lands petitioned for by Edward Randolph Eſq^{r}

MR. WILLIAM BLAITHWAIT TO MR. EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 301.

Sir, Whitehall, 10th of March 1687–8.

I am to thank you for yours of the 23d of November, and would not faile to anſwer the chief particulars. If the union of all New England under one governor be acceptable on your ſide the water, what will the joining and annexing to the ſame government be of all the Engliſh territories in America, from Delaware Bay to Nova Scotia? This is already determined by his Majeſty, and a commiſſion conſtituting Sir Edmund Andros governor alſo of New York, as united to and parcel of his Majeſties dominion of New-England. And for the two Jerſies, ſcire facias's are expediting towards their union. This, beſides other advantages, will be terrible to the French and make them proceed with more caution than they have lately done.

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I am obliged to you for your kind preſent of cranberries, acorns, cheſtnuts &c. which came very well and are imparted to Mr. Robert Southwell. The little box of locuſt trees was broken open and they are loſt, which was a pity, ſince they are ſo ſhady as you mention. I told the King of the black fox, who taking not much notice of it, I keep it myſelf, unleſs you think otherwiſe to diſpoſe of it.

Care is already taken for the paſſing your patent for all New-England, and if Mr. Spragg were not in the way, it might have been for the whole new dominion.

Pray, preſent my humble ſervice to Mr. Maſon and let him know Mr. Povey gives him particular inſtructions by this ſhip how to proceed regularly. The governour needs not any order from hence to do juſtice. If Mr. Maſon be aggrieved he may appeal.

My humble ſervice likewiſe to Capt. Nicholſon, who I hope may be the lieut. governour intended by the King for the New-England. Nor let my ſervice be forgot to my couſin Treffry, whoſe relations are all very well.

Since you are ſo mindfull of my concerns, the incloſed paper will ſhew you how the article for the auditors is to be worded. But pray remember the firſt accompt of the preſident and councill. It was ſent back with ſeverall queries, in order to the ſatisfying the lords commiſſioners of the treaſury, and I expect your return of it. And you may do well to help Sir E. Andros to diſpatch the firſt accompt ſince his arrivall, by ſetting forth every particular, how expended, more minutely than the parchment ſent me does contain, that the lords of the treaſury may not except againſt the method of it.

I ſend you the gazettes touching the pirates and Sir R. Holmes. The King has granted him all pirates goods for 3 years and the power of pardoning for one year. He offers fair to diſcoverers and ſuch as ſurrender themſelves, and will certainly make good his promiſe. An accident on that account may make your fortune, as you are moſt in the way of that ſort of people.

I muſt not forget my humble ſervice to all my other friends and acquaintance with you. Time and patience will ſtand you in great ſtead, amidſt your diſappointements and afflictions, and you will always find that I am moſt truly

Sir, Your faithfull friend
and humble ſervant,
WILLIAM BLATHWAYT.

RANDOLPH'S ANSWER TO THE CAMBRIDGE REMONSTRANTS.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 111. 17 March, 168¾.

In anſwer to an Adreſs lately made to y^r Excell^ie and the Councill by the Inhabitants of Cambridge

The Pet^r humbly remembreth y^r Excell^ie and their Hon^rs of the Councill

That upon reading his peticon in Councill the 29th day of Feby paſt praying his Maties grant of a certain Tract of vacant & unappropriated Land conteyneing about 700 acres lying between Spy pond and Sanders Brooke near Water Town in ye County of Middx. It was ordered that the Sheriff of that County ſhould give publike notice in Cambridge and Watertown that all perſons Claiming the ſayd Land ſhould apear before y^r Excell^ie and the Councill on the 7th of March laſt

laſt to ſhew forth y^e ſame and why the ſayd Land might not be granted wch was accordingly done. In objection to wch Grant hath bin exhibited to your Excell^ie and the Councill the peticõn and addreſs of ye Inhabitants of Cambridge ſetting forth, That the ſayd Land was by the Royall Charter granted to the perſons therein menõned and by them to the Town of Cambridge as they ſay apeares by the Records; That the ſayd Town hath had more then fifty years poſſeſſion thereof.

That the ſame was likewiſe purchaſed by [of?] ye Indian natives.

That forty years ſince the ſayd Land was granted & meaſured out to the Inhabitants of Cambridge and that they are now lawfully ſeized thereof.

That for that part in Water Town, it hath bin improved in Comõn and each man's right was lawfully ſetled to him for more than forty years, for the ſecuring whereof from ye damãge of the neighbouring Town, at great charge they have erected a ſtone wall of one mile in length and made needfull proviſion of Gates on ye highway.

That y^e ſayd Land hath afforded the Inhabitants Timber, fire-wood, and paſture Want of wch will occaſion the ruine of aboue eighty families therefore pray they may not be illegally ejected from the ſame contrary to the Declaration of ye late and p^rſent King.

To wch the Pet^r anſwereth That in caſe the Inhabitants of Cambridge doe produce to y^r Excell^ie and ye Councill ye Royall grant to any perſon or perſons of y^e ſayd Land peticõned for and from ſuch perſon or perſons, a legall conveyance to ye Inhabitants of y^e ſayd Town and that the ſayd Town

Town were by that name or by what other name y^e^ ſame hath bin to them granted able and ſufficient in the law to receive a grant of ſuch Lands, Then y^r^ pet^r^ will ceaſe any further proſecution of his ſayd prayer, Otherwiſe the pet^r^ humbly conceives ye Right ſtill to remain in his Matie and humbly prays a Grant for the ſame

ED. RANDOLPH

Boſton March ye 17: 1687

MR. POVEY TO MR. RANDOLPH.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 303.

Whitehall, 18 March 1687–8.

Sir,

Since mine of the eighth inſtant, I can only let you know that your warrant for ſecretary of New-England, with Rhode-Iſland included, and Conecticut, had paſſed the King's hand, when it came further under conſideration how that New-York and the Jerſies, which are now to be added in the general commiſſion, might be included without wrong to the preſent ſettlement there; and I believe it will be agreed that your deputation to them ſhall be ſufficient, ſo as he may receive the whole profitts of it without any acknowledgement or charge, but in the mean time your warrant is ſtopt till the amendment or rather addition be agreed of; but you may expect to receive it at the ſame time the governor receives his commiſſion, which will be ſent by Foy.

On the 10th Mr. Blathwayt writt to you and ſent you a memorandum touching his ſalary, of which I now ſend you a copy, and tho' I writ to you before upon this ſubject, the

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inclofed being as it is fettled by himfelf, you will pleafe to follow the method he prefcribes.

We have no news, more than the enclofed proclamation for the recalling the King's fubjects out of the States fervice; and three new regiments are raifing here.

I am, with much truth,
Sir, Your moft faithful humble fervant,
J. Povey.

My humble fervice to Mr. Mafon,
Capt. Nicholfon & Capt. Trefry.

J. Povey to Edward Randolph.

Maffachufetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 167.

Whitehall 25 Aprill 88

Sr.

This accompanies yor Patent for ye Secy^s office of New England which bearing date after the annexing New York & the Jerfeys with the other Colonies of New England makes you Sec^y of the whole government of New England in its p^rfent extent but Mr Spraug will have an order for you to make him a dignitatem of fo much as he held before

I have recd the fav^r of yo^rs of the 24th of Jany laft and do not underftand your meaning ab^t a patent for life not having heard of it before it being not granted now in any cafe

Mr Wharton has feull bufineffes depending tho I doubt not much to his fatisfaction, his propofals for a Grant of Mines are now under confideration, but will admitt of feu^ll [amendments ?]

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The Princeſs has been very ill with her miſcarrying and is now relapſed tho it is ſd there is no danger.

The Queen has likewiſe been much indiſpoſed but goes now abroad and is pretty well with her being with child

Three Regim^{ts} are raiſing here in Scotland & Ireland to be comanded by the officers that come out of Holland

Since my laſt we have no other occurences than the tumult & diſorder of Conſtantinople for which I refer you to ye incloſed Gazett and aſſure that I am with much truth

S^{r}

Yo^{r} moſt ffaithfull

humble ſervant

Mr Randolph J. Povey

Vouchers of ye Treasurers Account from ye 1 of July 1687 to the first of January ffollowing.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 1.

[In Randolph's handwriting 5 June 1688.]

Diſburs money at fort hill	24 : 9 : 3 :
ffor ye Gouernment	73 : 17 : 2 :
ffor the ffort at Pemmaquid	55 : 17 : 5 :
ffor the Caſtle on Caſtle Iſland	122 : 2 : 1 :
ffor ye Dry Dock at Charles Town	332 : 19 : 11 :
ffor ye Ketch Speedwell Jā Cook Maſter	160 : 14 : 9 .
paid to his Excell:	599 : 11 : 3 .
to the Auditor &c.	192 : 0 : 7 .
Corn remaining unſold	938 : 11 : 1 :
money remaining in Treaſury	1340 : 10 : 3 :
	3840 : 13 : 10 .

Vouchers

VOUCHERS FROM Y^E 4TH OF JANUARY 1687 TO THE 5 OF JUNE 1688.

ffor his Maties Goum^t of New England by Michaell Perry	100 : 5 : 6 :
Mem^d : my charge for a bullock & ſpritt	4 : 6 : 9 :
at Mrs. Dartmouth	4 : 0 : 0 :
[in different handwriting.]	
. . . In the Preſidents time	£52 2 : 0.
. . . more	0 13 : 9.
firſt halfe year in ye Gouveno^rs time	51 : 4 : 0.
2nd	192 : 7 : 0.
3^d to the 30th June 1687	95 : 0 : 10.
	399 : 7 : 7.
	202 : 6 : 6.
	601 : 14 : 1.
Diſcharged	
by Severall pay^mts made	1561 : 12 : 5.
by money remaining	1340 : 10 : 3.
by corn unſold	938 : 11 : 1.
Remaining of ye Countrys Rates in the hands of Severall Conſtables yet unpaid	469 : 4 : 1.
by charges upon bringing in the Country Rates to the Severall Conſtables	233 : 15 : 11.
amount of corn unſold	1512 : 1 : 0.
Rates paid in & out	1104 : 4 : 9.
	2616 : 5 : 9.
The Accounts ffrom ye 1 of July 1687 to Jany vizt. charge by money & loan	3840 . 13 . 10.
the whole amount of loan amounts to	2436 . 5 . 1.

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Mr. Randolph to Mr. Povey.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 304.

Boſton, June 21. 1688.

Sir,

I received your two letters of the 8th and 18th March, the firſt at Pemmequid, where after a tedious paſſage in 5 or 6 boats and other water carriage, I overtooke his excellency, being left behind at Boſton, by ſickneſs, about the end of April laſt. The Governor, with his ſervants, travelled by land to Piſcataqua; Col. Maſon was viſiting the militia in the province of Maine, and was forced to follow the Governor to Caſco bay, where the Governor's ſloop and barge with 10 oares attended their coming; he went amongſt all the iſlands in Caſco bay, viſited Mr. Wharton's poſſeſſions at Pejepſgut, and rowed up many leagues in Kennebeck riuer; from thence by eaſy motions, they got to Pemmequid, where he ſtayed 3 or 4 dayes to refreſh themſelves with ſheep and ſoules, and then with the Roſe frigott, made towards Penobſcott; his Excellency had ſooner, by me before, appointed Capt. George to ſpeake to Monſieur St. Caſteen, and to acquaint him with his comeing; the captain roade with his frigott before Caſteen's doore, ſent his lieut. aſhoare, Caſteen ſpoake to him and told him, but upon notice of the Governor's comeing, Caſteen and all the Company retired, left the place to that . . . and left his houſe ſhutt; the Governor landed, with other gentlemen with him, and went into the houſe and found a ſmall altar in the common roome, which altar, and ſome pictures and ordinary ornaments, they did not meddle with any thing belonging thereto. but tooke

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away all his armes, powder, ſhott, iron kettles and ſome trucking cloath and his chaires, all which were putt aboard the Roſe and laid up in order to a condemnation of tradeing, in the forte at Pemmequid; at their returne, notice being irregularly given to the Indian Sachem, neighbour to Caſteen, that he ſhould have all his goods reſtored if he would demand them at Pemmaquid and come under obedience to the King, it is ſuppoſed he went and acquainted the Gov. ernor at Port Royall of it, and how reſented we were to expect by the returne of our fiſhing veſſells. This Caſteen is a Frenchman, has lived there many yeares, has 3 or 4 Indian wives and goes a hunting with the Indians, he has a tradeing houſe and ſold the Indians, armes and ammunition in the late Indian wars; he does not well like to be under the French government, deſires to live indifferent. His Excellency carryed with him carpenters and boards, nailes and all neceſſary ſtores, intending to erect a forte at Ponopſcutt, the old one, as they ſay, being gone to ruin, formerly made up with ſtone and turfe, but finding none there, was reſolved to ſpare that charge till a more proper time offered, and in his Excellency's returne from Ponopſcutt, 5 or 6 leagues off from thence, I meete the Governor at ſea, I being bound to Ponopſcutt, but I then returned with him to Pemmaquid. The Governor ſent out, every way, meſſengers to ſummon in all the Indian Sachems; ſuch as were at Pemmaquid at his firſt arrivall, ſtayed his returne; they were well treated with ſhirts, rumm and trucking cloath, but his Excellency, with a ſhort ſpeech, by an interpreter, acquainted them that they ſhould not fear the French, that he would defend them, and ordered them to call home all their young

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men and they ſhould live quietly and undiſturbed. There I went to one Shurt, town clarke of Pemmequid, to know what leaſes were made lately and by whom, and for what quitt rent; he told me that above 2 years agoe Capt. Palmer and Mr. Weſt produced to them a commiſſion from Col. Dongan, to diſpoſe of all their land to whoever would take leaſes at 5*s*. the hundred acres quitt rent; they lett there and at a place called Dartmouth, 12 or 16 miles diſtant from Pemmequid, about 140 leaſes, ſome had 800 or 1000 acres, few leſs than 100, ſome but 3 or 4 acres, and all paid 2*l*. 10*s*. 0*d* for paſſing their grantes of 100 acres of woodland with 20 acres of marſh, wherever it could be found; but this bred a great miſchiefe amongſt the people, few or none have their land meaſured or marked, they were in haſte and gott what they could; they had their emiſſaries amongſt the poore people and frighted them to take grantes, ſome came and complained to the Governor and prayed him to confirme their rights, which he refuſed to doe, the Commiſſion and whole proceeding being illegall, having notice they were to be under his government, they reſented it, but it ſerved their turne. The poor have been very much oppreſſed here, the forte run all to ruin and wants a great deale to repaire it; the Governor has ordered it to be well repaired; it ſtands very well to command a very good bay and harbour about it, and will in time be a good place, being the only good porte for all veſſels, eaſtward, to ride well and ſecure by the forte from danger. At this time, Capt. Palmer and Mr. Weſt laid out for themſelves ſuch large lotts, and Mr. Graham, tho' not there, had a child's portion, I think ſome have 8 or 10 000 acres; I hear not of one penny rent comeing in

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to the King from them who have their grants confirmed at Yorke, and this 5*s*. an hundred acres was only a ſham upon the people. At our returne, we ſaw very good land at Winter harbour, enough to make large ſettlements for many people: The Governor will have it firſt meaſured and then ſurveyed, and then will diſpoſe of it for ſettlements.

Mr. Graham and his family are ſettled in Boſton, he is made attourny generall and now the Governor is ſafe in his New Yorke confidents, all others being ſtrangers to his councill. My couſen Maſon can make no progreſs in his buſineſs, he has attempted to try his title at Piſcataqua, but has been delayed by the judges, and the inhabitants are far more obſtinate than formerly, Mr. Weſt haveing told ſome of them that his title is little worth. All Mr. Weſt aimes at is to have the paſſing grantes for all Mr. Maſon's lands, and neither he nor Graham will allow that he has power to make a grante to any tennant; they are for leiveing him out of all. The newes of the diſſenters being indulged and taken into favour, at home, encouraged this people, and the judges will not give a cauſe for the King. They now diſpute his Excellency's grants and plead either poſſeſſion or Indian purchaſe in barr of it. The addition of New Yorke to this government does very much inlarge our bounds and may be of greate ſervice to the crowne, but they have been ſqueezed dry by Colonell Dongan and his agents Weſt and Graham, that there is little good to be done. We are in greate expectation of Foyes arrivall, and ſome preparations are makeing for a ſoutherne expedition, but I believe Sir Edmund will not goe into New Yorke till Col. Dongan is removed off the place, there is no good underſtanding betwixt

twixt them, and twas not well done of Palmer and Weſt to tear all in pieces that was ſettled and granted at Pemmequid by Sir Edmund, that was the ſceene where they placed and diſplaced at pleaſure, and were as arbitrary as the great Turke; ſome of the firſt ſettlers of that eaſterne country were denyed grants of their own lands, whilſt theſe men have given the improved lands amongſt themſelves, of which I ſuppoſe Mr. Hutchinſon has complained.

NOTICE TO APPEAR.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 281.

Boſton June 22nd 1688

Mr. Sheriffe

You may give notice to any perſons that may lay clayme to the land in Cambridge petitioned for by Edward Randolph Eſqr that on Thurſday next in the forenoone they appeare before his Excellcy in Councill and give their full anſwer therein

I am
Sr Your ſervant
JOHN WEST. D. Secry.

[*Addreſſed*] Samuell Gookin Eſqr
High Sheriffe of the County
of Middx.
att Cambridge.

COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 12.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boſton on Thurſday the 28th of June 1688.

Preſent: His Excellcy Sr Edmund Andros Knt etc. Joſeph Dudley, Wm Stoughton, Waite Winthrop, John Uſher, Nathanll Clarke, Edward Randolph, ffrancis Nicholſon, Richard Smith, Samll Shrimpton, Eſqrs

Upon further hearing of the Petition of Edward Randolph Eſqr praying his Maties Grant for a certaine parcell or Tract of Vacant and unapropriated land Containeing about ſeaven hundred Acres lying betweene Spye Pond and Saunders brooke neare WaterTowne in the County of Middleſex as alſoe a Certain Writeing prſented by Samuell Andrewes & others of Cambridge termed the Reply of the proprietors of the lands lying betweene Saunders Brooke and Spye Pond to an anſwer made to their addreſs but they declareing they had no authority to ſpeake in behalfe of others but onely for them ſelves and by reaſon of the Generall diſcription of the Land petitioned for not knowing whether the lands claymed by them be within the quantity deſired or not, it is ordered that a Suruey and draft be forthwith made of the ſaid Land and returned in to the Secretary's office accordingly.

By order in Councill
JOHN WEST D. Secry.

EXAMINATION

Examination of William Walton about pirates at Rhode Island. 5 July 1688

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 21.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

Will. Walton being ſummoned ſayth that his neighbor Thomas Warner was aboard ye pirate when Capt. Pelham was aboard, that Capt. Pelham had a gun & cutlaſs. John Clarke had a gun̄: John Woodman had a Cloake: William [Hunt?] a Tayler bought cloathes of ye Sayler. Mr. Brinley had piſtols a pretty many of ye Capt. & adviſed Walton to take them at 21^s a piece. Mordica ye Jew bought goods of ye pyrates: John Davis ſold Bread & Beer to ye pyrates & gave them wine. William Wade, unlicenſed ordinary [ ] Stephen Sebears, George Halſey, Charles Beerds, Henry Palmer, he had letters to ſeverall perſons to Thos Phillips wife neer Cowells. A. B. ſerv^t to Jonathan Marſh a Baker ſold ye Dutch man a Black Hoge.

Mr Randolph's testimony as to words of Sir William Phips.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 29.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

May it pleaſe y^r Excellency

Being in company with Sr William Phips this day amongſt other diſcourſe hee ſayd he heard twas Coll. Maſon & myſelfe oppoſed the ſetting aſide the Sheriffs: that he would ſett mee

mee forth in my colors & was going home & would make it known: or words to that effect.

ED RANDOLPH Secry.

Boston July ye 7th 1688.

OATH OF JOHN WEST, AS DEPUTY SECRETARY.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 90.

Whereas yo^u are by an Indenture made by Edward Randolph Esqr. his Mat^ies Secry & Sole Register of his territory & Dominion of New England beareing date ye 3rd day of May 1687, Authorized & Appointed to be Deputy Secry & Register you doe Sweare that you will faithfully & carefully manage & p'forme ye s^d office as Deputy Secry & Register Keepeing the Records of all things proper to ye s^d office fairly fileing & coppying all such records and papers as are committed to yo^u & in all things to demeane yor selfe according to yor charge & duty of yor place after yor best skill & knowledge & pursuant to ye indenture & deputacon given yo^u.

John West tooke ye above oath in Councill ye 20th July 1688 upon ye Desire of ye sd Ed. Randolph.

ED. RANDOLPH Secry.

PETITION OF EDWARD RANDOLPH FOR LAND AT NEWPORT, R. I.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 106. [July 26. 1688]

To his Excellency Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t; Capt. Generall and Governour in cheife of his Majesties Territory & Dominion of New England &c.

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The humble Peticon of Edward Randolph Esqre Sheweth.

That there is next adjoyning to the Lands of Jaell Brinton of Newport in the Collony of Rhoad Island a Certaine tract of vacant and unimproved Land Containing about Two hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts.

Your pet^r therefore humbly prayes yor Excellency will please to give him a Grant and Confirmacon for ye s^d Lands and in order thereto, issue forth yor Warrant for ye Surveying thereof, under such moderate Quitt Rent or acknowledgement to be paid to his Maj^tie as to yor Excellency shall seeme meete.

And yor Pet^r as in duty bound
shall ever pray etc.

PETITION OF EDWARD RANDOLPH IN BEHALF OF THE EARL OF CLARENDON.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 109. [26 July 1688.]

To his Excellency Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t Capt Generall and Governour in Cheife of his Majesties Territory and Dominion of New England etc.

The humble Peticon of Edward Randolph Esqr on the behalfe of the R^t Honorable Henery Earle of Clarendon. Sheweth

That neere unto the windmill in the Towne of Portsmouth on the east side of the island there is about one hundred and fifty acres of vacant and unimproved Land alsoe one hundred & fifty acres more neare Mr Beard his house in the Towne of Newport Alsoe one hundred & fifty acres more neere a place knowne by the name of Greene End next

next adjoyning to the land of W^m^ & Thomas Coddington & Coll. Sandford in ye aforesaid Towne of Newport Alsoe Three hundred and fifty acres more lyeing neere to ye lands of John Rogers & Davyd Layton within the Townships of Portsmouth and Newport as alsoe one hundred acres more neere Newport next the land of Abraham Anthony all wch said lands containe in the whole one thousand acres or thereabouts.

Your Peticõner therefore humbly prayes yor Excellency will please to give him a Grant and Confirmation for ye s^d^ severall tracts & parcells of land for ye use above [mentioned] and in order thereto to issue forth your Warrant for ye Surveying thereof and such moderate Quitt Rent or such acknowledgement to be pd to his Ma^ty^ for ye same as to yor Excellency shall seeme meete.

And yor Peticon^r^ as in duty bound
shall ever pray etc.

Order of Council in New York for raising money.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 162.

Att a Councill held att New York on Wednesday
ye 29th day of Augt 1688.

Present: his Excellency Sr Edmond Andros, Kn^t^, etc.; Joseph Dudley, Walter Clarke, Jarvis Baxter, Edwd Randolph, Jno Young, Jno Allen, Robert Mason, Jno Winthrop, Steph. Courtland, Jno Walley, Nich^o^ Bayard, Arthur Brocklols, ffred Phillips, Jno Usher, Walter Newberry, Richd Smith, Esq^rs^.

Whereas

Whereas ye Execũcon of an Act made ye 7th day of May last past by his Excell^cy^ Thomas Dongan late Capt. Generall & Governor in Cheife of his Maties Province of New York in America Intituled an Act for Raiseing ye sume of £2555 : 6^d^ by or before ye first day of November in ye yeare of our Lord 1688 hath been & is by order of his Excell^y^ in Councill dated ye 30th day of July last past for ye Reason therein menconed suspended till further order which being taken into consideration It is ordered that ye Act be fully & duly executed according to ye tenor & true intent & meaning thereof & ye money therein menconed duely Levyed Raised Collected & payd as therein is directed of wch all Justices of the peace & other officers & persons concerned are to take notice & conforme themselves accordingly. By order in councill.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 169. [1 September, 1688.]

Hon^d^ S^r^

This being ye first opportunity from hence after my arrivall from N. Yorke which was but 10 days agoe I thought itt my duty to lay hold of itt & return you my hearty thanks for ye favors rec^d^ of you especially att N. Yorke in takeing ye pains to write a letter to Mr Povey for my recommendation wch I have sent over & in all ou^r^ things followed y^r^ good advice & sent over a Copy of a Peticon for my correspondent to make use off upon occasion & by this Bearer send copies thinking there may be an opportunity for London therefore would pray you to doe me the kindnesse & write one line more & give it to Mr Graham who will forward

ward itt with my letters I doubt not in ye leaſt to reap ye benefite of y^e ſame & yo^u may be aſſured I ſhall not prove ungratefull; here is no news: y^t from Canada a Mr Smith ye Bearer will inform you I am now goeing to ye countrey to call upon thoſe officers for ye fees & by ye next ſhall be able to give you an acc^t. This is all att preſent from him who is

S^r your ever obliged Freinde
& moſt humble ſerv^t
ROB^T LIVINGSTON.

RANDOLPH TO [BLATHWAYT?]

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 181.

Fort Albany, on Hudſon River
Sept. 12, 1688

Sir,

I wrote you from New York and from Philadelphia, and ſend this by a veſſel from New York to Boſton, which ſerves only to acquaint you of the death of my couſin Maſon, who dyed the 6 inſtant, and was buried at Kingſtone upon this river. He was much troubled at the Great delayes in his buſineſs, occaſioned by his pretended friend, Mr. Dudley. His Excellence is much concerned for his loſſe. We will do the beſt we can for his poor children. Coll. Dongan makes it his buſineſs to perplex his Mat^ies affairs here by all wayes & meanes after our return from ye Jarſeys (both ag^t his will & deſires well ſetled) he preſented to ye Councill his account of Charges ariſing upon the forces raiſed in this Province amounting to 6400^ll and ſome od money: the Councill looking upon themſelves no way obliged to audit Amount referred

fered that matter till his Maties pleafure was known in it: efpecially in regard Coll. Dongan had not charged himfelfe with the receite of one penny received by him towards defraying that charge: whereas it appeared he has by 2 rates: & by money received out of ye trading Revennue with 500^ll^ ftart from ye Gou^r^ of Virginnia been fatisfied for almoft if not all that expenfe however his Excellence finding that feverall officers and others ferving in that expedition were unpaid moved in councill that care might be taken for their fpeedy pay & it was ordered that Coll. Dongan give notice what perfons were unpaid & what was feverally due to them & that money fhould be forthwith raifed for their payment thereby to take off the Rancor & fupport his Maties credit with the people. Butt Coll. Dongan upon notice hereof: inftead of doing that publick juftice to the officers & fouldiers fends to his Excellence full of bitter reflexions upon ye Gou^r^ charging the not paying the Souldiers upon Sr Edmunds malice ag^t^ Coll. Dongan and makes him the fole obftructer: faying with all that all things were made eafy for him to his hand & nothing now to be done for his Maties fervice in this Govr whereas indeed the fort at this place, as well as that at N. York, is wholly out of order: left as deferted in an enemeyes country — no powder nor one thing fitt for fervice left upon ye place: all either fold or given away. The ffrench Gou^r^ has been too hard for Coll. Dongan in many refpects; he keepes his Indians in armes who have kiled 5 or 6 Englifh & as many Indians lately in Connecticutt Colony & keepes poffeffion of ye ffort of Quadrakby in our Indians country Coll. Dongan never fo much as taking the leaft notice of it to the french Gou^r^ when he

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ſent him the treaty & truce, who continued by force or faire meanes to draw to himſelfe all the five nations & to that end has now ſent them all preſents: I know not yet what influence the notice of Sr Edmund Andros being Gour may have upon them: we expect to heare from them dayly: & their cheife to come to this town: the 5 nations have very much gaind upon Coll. Dongan & twill be difficult for Sr Edmund Andros to reduce them to their former obedience. You will receive at Court high recriminations from Coll. Dongan agt his Excellence eſpecially becauſe the Councill has not thought fitt immediately to raiſe money to pay him ye Sum of 6000ll od money without any order from his Matie or further enquireing into it, which wee cannot anſweare to his Matie I have this onely to ad that Sr Edmd has carried himſelfe to Coll. Dongan with all due regard both as a Genl and as a Gour & be confident that wtever Coll. Dongan may ſuggeſt home or endeavour there. That his Maties ſervice will be moſt punctually obſerved: you may expect a particular account at our return to Boſton. this I thought my duty to ſay in generall: that you may be prepared to ſay ſomething upon his previous charges ſent over as I heare by our Biſhop who is to manage for Coll. Dongan. my humble ſervice to Mr Povey and to all freinds I give you & him my hearty thanks for all favors & am

Your humble ſert.

ED. RANDOLPH.

JOHN

JOHN SKEENE TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 236.

Burlington the 7th of ye
8t mõn 1688

Loving ffriend

Thes are to Let the Know that I have not yit deliverd all the Commiſſions for many of the perſons being ſick wer not In A capacitie to come & tak ther Ingadgments & the ſalem people who have ſince ever I knew them been too hetoroclite are not yit come to Receave thers ſo that I fear I cannot make A full Return of the day In ye dedimus poteſtatem to me prefixt however I ſhall wth what expedition I can, we doe extremly want the Copies of ye Laws by which we are to Act, & ſuch Inſtructions as are neadfull, therfor pray dyſpatch ym pr̃ [jſt?] allſo, the Commiſſion for The Recording & the deliverance of my Bill to the Gor which was Granted or I Came Away, ther was non of the juſtices wold Accept of theſe Commiſſions ſo as to pay A farthing for them or ther Atteſtations, for ych thou charrgd 6/8 A pice, ye ſhiriſe of Burlington hath promeſd pay Viz 20/8 as thou charrg'd, but Gloſters ſhirief Is Realy ſo poor & hath been at ſo much Loſs that He would not touch with his till I promiſd to repreſent his poverte & plead for thy excuſe of him which heerby I doe: Be perſwaded that I wold not have preſt my own Intereſts ſo much as I have & ſhall doe thin, Preſent my Dewtefull Reſpects To ye Gor & Give my Trew Reſpects to . . . . friends Jeames Graham & Jno weſt & . . they wold Help me to A Commiſſion for . . . of All wills In this 3 Countes

It

It wold . . A Great Kindnes & be no dammage to non Ther beſid ye'eas It wold be to All heer, & on publick office In Town wold ſerve me for: Recording y^t too, I Beg Ther friendſhip & thyn may be Conteanued To him who conteanues to Be to you All A Cordiall weal wiſher And

Truly Loving ffriend

JOHN SKENE

Thow Maj^r Genr^ll
will not ſell his Hors but If
he pleaſes to ſend ſome of his
beſt meares to him they ſhall
goe In his encloſūr with his
own & on His on Bounds viz
winthrops, excūs extraordenare
Heaſt ells I wold have wrot
to himſelf, as allſo Jno waſt
& Jam: Graham.[17]

MR. RANDOLPH TO THE LORDS OF TRADE.

New York Colonial Documents, Vol. III. p. 567.

New Yorke Oct^br ye 8. 1688.

May it pleaſe y^r Lordſ^ps.

In obedience to Your Lordſ^ps commands I humbly repreſent to your Lordſ^ps that His Excellencie Sr Edm^d Andros in the months of Aprill and May laſt viſited the Engliſh forts plantations and ſettlements all along the ſea ſide & upon ye great rivers, from Piſcataqua to Panopſcott eaſtward diſtant

[17] MSS. mutilated.

diſtant from Boſton about 200 miles; and ordred the cheife of all the Indians inhabiting thoſe partes, to attend him, which they accordingly did. He commanded them to call home their young men & not ſuffer them to run to the French, and to live quietly with the Engliſh their neighbours, aſſuring them protection from thoſe would harm them, & if not able to defend themſelves, to come and live in the Engliſh townes: and left that country in great peace.

Upon His Excellencyes return to Boſton His Maties gracious commiſſion for the annexing the Province of New York and ye Eaſt & Weſt Jerſeys to his Maties territory of N. England; whereupon he addreſſed himſelfe to that ſervice with all convenient ſpeed, and being accompanied with ſeverall of the members of His Maties Councill, arrived at New Yorke on Saterday ye 11th of Auguſt laſt; being mett by a regiment of foot and a troop of horſe belonging to that place; His Maties commiſſion was read in ye Fort and afterwards publiſhed at ye Citty Hall, and immediately His Excellence ſent for and received from Coll. Dongan the Seal of the late Govr which was defaced and broaken in Councill; then a Proclamation for continuing the revenue, and all perſons civill & military in their reſpective offices till further order was publiſhed.

From thence His Excellence with ſeverall of the Councill ſet forward for Eaſt Jarſey and arriving at Elizabeth Town belonging to that Province, on Wedneſday following His Maties commiſſion was ther publiſhed and alſo the proclamation for continuing the revennue and civill and military officers till further order: and on ye 18th being Saterday His

His Maties Commiſſion was likewiſe read at Burlington the cheife town in Weſt Jarſey and the proclamation alſo. The out places of both Provinces very thinly inhabited & not one military officer in all Weſt Jarſey. They all ſhewed their great ſatisfaction in being under His Maties immediate Gov^t^.

Upon ye 29th following Coll. Dongan ſent to ye Councill an account of £6482 . 7^s^ . 11½d, money laid out in the late expedition to Albany: he deſired it might be audited and allowed and that the money might be raiſed and paid to him, to enable him to pay his neceſſary diſburſements. The Councill upon ſerious debate reſolved That they had not power to inſpect the accounts of the late Gov^t^ nor to appoint an Auditor thereof; but in regard ſeverall officers and ſouldiers raiſed by Coll: Dongan for His Maties ſervice at Albany (and diſbanded before His Excell. entring upon that Gov^t^) applied to His Excellence for their pay, the Councill ordered that if Coll: Dongan would ſend them word what ſums of money were due to the ſeverall officers & ſouldiers, ſpeedy care ſhould be taken to ſatisfye them; and that Order was accordingly delivered to Coll. Dongan, who has not thought fitt to comply therewith, but even to the laſt day of His Excell^cs^ ſtay in N. York, has continued to preſſe for an audite and allowance of his accounts.

Upon reading in Councill ſome papers tranſmitted from ye Mayor and Aldermen of Albany to Coll: Dongan, and alſo a letter of ye 20th of Auguſt laſt from Mount^r^ Denonville Govr of Canada, it appeared that all was not well with the 5 Nations or Cantons of ye Indians. Whereupon it was thought fitt that His Excellence ſhould forthwith go to

 Albany.

Albany. All things were made ready and about 50 Souldiers to go with the Govr, and ſtores of powder and armes putt aboard to ſupply the Fort, and on ye 30th of Auguſt, with ſeverall of the Councill embark'd for Albany; where the 5 Nations, having notice that His Excellence was come, ſent their Cheife Warriers and many of the principall men amongſt them to bid His Excell. welcome into the country. They complained of many hardſhips done them by the French in tyme of peace and prayd to be redreſſed. His Excellence told there was a ceſſation of armes, that they muſt carry themſelves freindly to ye French; commanding them to deliver up all their French captives, and promiſed that he would take care of them. They forthwith delivered to His Excell. a French Child, ten months their priſoner, and aſſured His Excell. to ſend the reſt ſo ſoon as the weather and the length of the way would admitt; and ſo returned to their homes well ſatisfied.

Severall Indians living on both ſides Hudſon's River came to His Excellence, ſome at Albany, & others at a town nigh the River called Kingſtone (where Coll. Maſon a member of the Councill and a loyall gent^{n} dyed and was buried;) he commanded them to demean themſelves quietly towards ye Chriſtians their neighbours, invited ſuch of them as were married and gone elſe where, to return with their familyes, and that if they wanted land, it ſhould be laid out for them in convenient places.

During this His Excellence's progreſſe, newes is brought that five of His Maties Indian ſubjects were killed at Spectacle Pond neere Springfield in ye colony of Connecticutt, and ſoon after, of ſix Chriſtians murthered at Northfield, about

about 60 miles diſtant from that place, done by eleaven Indians belonging to ye French, and ſince the tyme the Govr of Canada ſent from ye King his maſter the Articles of Ceſſation to Coll. Dongan. Upon which His Excell. has, amongſt other things of import for His Maties ſervice, demanded of ye Govr of Canada the eleaven murtherers to be ſent to him.

That morning His Excellence arrived at New Yorke from Albany, he had advice that men were raiſed at Boſton without his order, and ſent to Caſco Bay to aſſiſt the Chriſtians againſt the Indians who had committed ſome diſorders there aboutes; all which and the uncertainty of reports from the Eaſtward, engages His Excellence to go from N. Yorke overland to Boſton (intending to viſite Northfield Springfield and other townes alarum'd by thoſe miſcheifes) to prevent a ſecond Indian warr.

All which is humbly ſubmitted
By your Lordſ^ps moſt humble
& obedient ſervant,
ED. RANDOLPH Sec'ry.

RANDOLPH TO JOHN POVEY.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (377).

Boſton Oct. 19th 1688.

S^r

hearing how furiouſly Mr Mather & his friends now at Whitehall driue on Sparing none in ye Gom^t I thinke it not vnſeaſonable to repreſent to your view Such papers as I haue by me by which you may inform yourſelfe & others of the man his

his qualityes & eſpecially his loyalty: you haue N°. one a Copy of M^r. Roſſes letter directed to me at ye Plantation Office in which was incloſed the paper N°. 2: being a Copy of M^r. Mathers letter to M^r. Gouge Miniſter at Amſterdam: of which S^r. Roger Le 'Strang by his preſent Maties directions tooke perticuler notice in his Obſervators. M^r. Mather hath done all hee could to caſt that paper vpon me as the Author & beſides his publick diſcourſes ag^t. me in all Companyes here, he has (as he thinkes) Sufficienly proved it & alſo vindicated himſelfe by his letter to M^r. Dudley N°. 3: which is full of his Chriſtian frame & Temper & abounds with his Charitable Expreſſions as the other to M^r. Gouge dos with loyalty.

Now tho' he has thus with his Bellarmine thou lyeſt made me to be the Author of that libellous paper: yet I am able to make the Contrary appeare by ſeuerall materiall paſſages in that paper: — the Kings deſiring as they ſay a Surrender of their Charter was like Ahabs requiring Naboths vineyard: — the very words he ſpake publickly in a full aſſembly at the Town houſe in Boſton when all the ffreemen & others were mett to adviſe about a Surrender of their Charter. I haue a Cloud of Witneſſes to proue it: & M^r. Wharton then of another Kidney was preſent & vpon hearing Such expreſſions left the meeting in a great heat, and if any Sparke of honeſty left in a man who oppoſes all goverm^t. he cannot Denye but he was preſent & heard Mather make that diſcourſe. I ſend you N°. 4: & N°. 5 Copyes of two of Mathers letters to Amſterdam the originalls are now with me: to proue his Correſpondence with Gouge & Keck both mentioned in his letter to M^r. Gouge: perſons whoſe names habitations or qualityes I never knew till I had a Copy of that letter:

letter: and as a further Confirmation of Mr Mathers antimonarchicall principles (what euer he now intends) I referr you to the Booke called the Cafe of ye Maffachufetts Charter, Sent alfo to Sr Roger leftrang by his prefent Mate wrote by Mather & Moode, a Copy whereof I fhall tranfmitt to you in a little tyme: & would defire no greater favour then to be admitted to difcouer the malitious principles of the party who now Crye out oppreffion: whenas by all their lawes & practices there haue not yet been heard of a poeple more tyrannicall & Arbitrary. This his Matie vpon the repeated Complaints of his perfecuted Subjects of imprifonments whippings banifhments difmembrings & loffe of all their Goods & liues has been pleafed graciouffly to remedy by granting a Commiffion of Gom: etc: & taking the whole Country into his immediate care & protection, & now the Sammedrim being thereby putt out of their Magifteriall Regiment of affaires both civill Ecclefiafticall & Military: they are vneafye. As to Mr Nowell of whom I wrote you largely I referr you to his printed Sermon Called Abraham in Armes: and now if thefe mens principles are the beft demonftration of Loyalty I defire to be accounted ftill a diffenter from fuch Good lord deliuer Sr your humble Seruant

EdRandolph.

Capt Palmer is made a Judge
& fupplyes the vacancy of Mr Bulkley.

[In another hand.]

Remark: Vid: Vol. 5. p. 83. Abraham Kicks addrefs to the Princefs of Orange On behalf of the Church and People of New England, Dated Hague 1st february 89. N. S.; wherein

wherein he ſays: "I haue ventured on their behalf (*having had a Correſpondency with ſaid people many Years*, and Knowing how Much they will Suffer if their New Governor be not ſpeedily removed) to give your Royal Highneſs the trouble of theſe lines" ———

[*Addreſſed*] To John Povey Eſqr
at the Plantation Office
Whitehall!

[*Endorſed*] N: England.
19. Oct: 1683. [*ſic*]
From Mr Randolph
Recd 1 Dec: 1683 [*ſic*]
with Copies of Mr Mathers
letters to Amſterdam: in
83 & 84.

Francis Nicholson to Edward Randolph.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 248.

New-Yorke October ye 21st 1688.

Sr

I received your Letter of the 9th inſtant for which I returne you my hearty thankes This place is like both to Laith and Athens butt itt comes far ſhort of the laſt being noe learned Citty ſoe you muſt not expect that I can ſend you an Epiſtle to divert you butt rather to condole that your office is as little frequented as our church is. Jacob Morriſy intends to morrow or next day to ſayle Coronel Dongan is this day gone for Hampſteade. They ſay that a Privateer (belonging to the ffrench of about a hundred and twenty men and twenty Guns) is att Newcaſtle noe veſſell gone

gone out onely Mr. Philips Brigantine loaded with provi-ſions & ſome other trade ſhe cleared for Newcaſtle and Jamaica. Here is come in a Pinke from Barbadoes a Brigantine from Carolina a ſmall boate from Bermudas a Dogger with logwood they bring little news and not much more Merchandiſe abating eighty tunns of Logwood. You writt me to aſſiſte Mr Cortland which you may be ſure when itt concerns your ſelfe itt ſhall be readily done. The Secretarys office here you thinke is eclipſed butt I hope in the Springe the Sun will enlighten itt according to your deſire I have inquired what ffees and perquiſites now paide to the Governor and finde that a Licenſe for marryinge in ten Shillings and the like ſum̄ for moſte things which are given under the Governours hand and private Seale ffor the Paſſes of Veſſells bound for Europe halfe to the Governor which is ten ſhillings if to any other place alſoe the halfe which is five ſhillings I am informed theſe ſum̄s have beene taken by Coronel Dongan and others I ſhall lett the money ly in Mr Cortlands hands till I heare from you ffor as I would doe Juſtice to all men ſoe would doe itt to my ſelfe and to my Succeſſors ſoe pray lett me hear from you upon that buſineſſe I hope you will be ſoe kinde as to ſend me the news and in doeing of itt you will extraordly oblige him who is your moſte aſſured ffriend

and Servant

FFR: NICHOLSON

Sr I pray give my humble ſervice to all our ffriends and acquaintances and ſend the incloſed letters I hope our ffriend Uſher will not be wheadled out of his place therefore doe

doe you putt him in minde of itt my ſervice to Mr Rattclyffe and to the Gentlemen of Salem when you ſee them.

JOHN SKEENE TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 259.

Peachfield, near Bur . .
ye 26^t^ of ye 8^t^ mon . .

Eſq^r^ Randolph
Much Eſteemed ffriend

Since my Laſt to the p^r^ phill: Ritchards Marchant In New York I have Receaved thyn but of and old dait & ſo batterd & torn In ye Cover that all was In ye packet wer Known in Eaſt Jerſey or they cam heer naither neaded I to open ye ſeales But take Commiſſion & Leter etc out at ye end of the wraper, however being there was no ſecret It was Leſs maiter. I Look on my ſelfe verie much oblidged to thy Kindnes, & ſhould not be A Litle Glade to Embrace Ane oportunity By which I might ſubſtantially Demonſtrat the Inclenation I have to Requit It I cannot but Return my thanks for the pains thou took In wreating the news & ſending the Gazetts for It is moſt ſatisfactore to me to Know the tranſactions In Ewrope & If at ſpair owers, thou ſhall be pleaſed, In Like maner to devert my Rurall ſoletude It will be A Great addition to former obligations. I was verie Glad to Hear of ye Go^rs^ ſafe Return togither with [others?] who cam with him from Albanie, But I was Realy ſore when I Red of that kind Gentlemans death viz Coll Maſon, who the others wer I Know . . But I could hav wiſhed If It had been Gods will that . . who waited upon ye Go^r^ Abroad had convey'd him h . . I ſent & Delivered thy Letters

ters to ye Refpective Recorders But In place of the Records of Deeds conveyances & furvayes of Lands I have Receaved the Inclofed Leter Which I thought Good to fend, — he mentioneth proprietors but I fopofe he fcaircе confulted A dofn of the wholl n^r: & even fome of thos he mentioneth have told me fince that they did but wait to have the Knowledg of the Go^rn pleafur there In befor they wold proceed to Giue ther Confents to the delivere of them. I have Intimat & produced my Commition to Tho: Revell but with the fame fuccefs, as when I deliverd him thy Letter; how foon occation ferves I fhall doe the fame to John Reading & Sam^ll hodg, which Is all the fervice I can doe for thee In this Afair, till fuch time as Thou vindicat thy title — which I Reackon may be Quicklay done as for the Rolls & Records he profers to deliver me at Burlingtone I Know no other he hath favd the old minuts of the Afembly which are but in Loos peapers too & the Law Book Which [yie?] fealed up, as for wills & Teftaments He confeffeth he hath no Record of them but hath Keept the princpalls in Bundles, which method If It be; to be conteanued or not I defir to receav thy derections, — which accordingly fhall be obeyed. I fhould Redilly obey thy defir In wreating to the Go^r had I any thing of moment to Impairt unto Him. But Knowing how throng he Is In Bũfines I fhall not prefũme to . . Him, only I Requeft when convenient opertunity — prefen . . Give Him My Deutyfull Refpects, & Let Him Know . . . ye Remembrance I have (& fhall ftill Retaine) of his favors . . . do make me Long for ane occation to ferve . im, Which fhall allwayes be Imbract with A zeal that . . Give place but to A few Who are under His Goverment.

Goverment. My Reſpects allſo pray Give to preſident Dūdly Jn° weſt my cuntriemen James Graham & B: Brown with the Reſt of my Aquaintance ſhow ye preſident His friend Doc^r Cox hath Loſt His Agent who Dayd about A 4^t night agoe But He Is Like to come by A Greater Loſs by A Bargain ye agent mad on his Death bed In ſelling A 1300 ℔: Cargo which was juſt Arived from ye Doctor ſo much under the Reall Value as I ame Informed he Did ye verie night befor he dayed, I have Receaved no advice concerning ye navall office, nor Know we what fees to take for want of ye Table — which pray ſend per nixt, I ſopos that propoſall concerning making out A poſt way to Amboy is deſerted for want of ordering how & at whos charrg It ſhould be done; I ſhall not Enlairg further at pnt but arfter I have told thee my wife preſents her Reſpects To Thy ſelfe I ſhall Remaine

Thy Trew Affectionat
And
Much Oblidged ffriend
JOHN SKENE[18]

RANDOLPH TO WILLIAM PENN.
[EXTRACT]

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Vol. VIII. p. 531.

Nov. 9. 1688.

This Barbarous people [the Indians] were never civilly treated by the late Governm^t, who made it their Buſineſs to encroach upon their Lands, & by Degrees to drive them out

[18] MSS. mutilated.

out of all. That was the ground & the Beginning of the laſt War. His Excell. has all along taken other meaſures with them. I hope the proclamation, & the Indian's confidence in the Govern^ns^ favour to ſuch as ſhall ſubmit, may putt a ſtop to their preſent Rage.

I hear Mr Mather and ſuch like men of Antimonarchical principles at home, are complaining againſt mee. I confeſs, if being the occaſion of ſubverting their old Arbitrary governm^t^ (& thereby putting a ſtop to the perſecuting ſpirit raging every where in this countrey) bee a crime, I muſt ſubmitt.

MATTHEW PLOWMAN TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 293.

New Yorke the 14 : 9bre 88

S^r^

I rec^d^ yours of the 3 : d. by which find that the diſturbance occaſioned by the Indians to the Eſtward as a perſon vigilent in his Maj^tis^ ſervice attended his Excel^y^ and hope that men and veſſells ſent thither will in ſhort time diſperſe thoſe murdering villins — yeſterday arrived Capt Humprey Ayles with his Clearing in which find his Tunnidge two hundred Tunnes but altered the hundred, I am ſatisfied ſhee is aboue 200 Tunnes, when I queſtioned the thing hee tells me was alltered in ye office, and that his onely wood take powder mony, onely for a hundred ſoe that you will fauor me to lett me know the certanty liekwiſe muſt intreate your kindneſſe to ſend Two quires of Certificates printed, liekwiſe two quires of the innumerated Comodityes, and what they coſt

coſt upon y^r notice ſhall ſatisfie; the Scoch veſell lately that came to Amboyes an unſree veſell *Dauid Modey* owner and Comander ſeaſed there, burden ſixty Tunnes but as I am informed very old and very indiferantly found; as by there privelige will condeme her there but Capt Hamilton for his one ſecurity will ſecure the king's part I thanck you for your nuſe, here have very little more that as your friends are well and preſent there ſervice with mine to his Exce^ly Mr Graham M^r Weſt Col. Lidgett Mr Macarty M^r Uſher and the honeſt Sheriffe Shurlock not forgetting the two Lawyers that were heere and to your ſelfe am

y^r moſt humble ſerv^t

MATHEW PLOWMAN

FRANCIS NICHOLSON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 294.

New Yorke November ye 15th 1688

My good ffriend

I received on Monday both your letters and finde my ſelfe mightily obliged to you for the account of affaires ſent in them. I hope you will be ſoe kinde as to let me heare from you how things goe, eſpecially if any relate to my ſelfe. As to what concerns any difference betwixt his Ex^cy and me I know noe juſt reaſon I have given, nor hope ſhall not, though may be you gueſs aright when thinke w^y there hath been endeavours uſed to make me believe y^t I have not ſoe many ffriends, as pretend to be ſoe. What the Lawyers ſay I thinke may not paſs for an oracle, none of them haveing ſtudied at Delphos. The favour his Ex^cy did

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me at the Council boarde, I am obliged to him for it. But your being ſoe kinde as to tell me what you write is private, I will not take any notice of it to his Ex^{cy}. Pray ſend me word what you write as private y^{t} I may not pay acknowledgement, when not convenient, either for you or me, neither would I willingly omit paying them, when due. I am ſorry to heare y^{t} you are not like to have £100 of the Wrecke money, but hope you may have it ſome other way. If I can be anywaies ſerviceable to you concerning your office here, be ſure I will doe it. I have writt to his Ex^{cy} aboute the Paſs money; but theſe are times for other affaires. You have taken away all the old acts, bookes of Council and bookes of Pattents, ſoe people comeing to have Coppies from thoſe bookes, they not being here you looſe by it. I hope your Lady is either recovered by this time, or elſe gone her long Journey. Pray be ſoe kinde when you write to [her?] ffriends in England, as to hinte to them about w^{t} our Lawyers ſay concerneing my Commiſſion, for you can doe it beſt: ſeing you heare w^{t} they and others ſay: ſoe can beſt tell w^{t} they would be at. I ſend you the Survey of this place and Albany. The news of this place being publicke, I will not trouble you with it but Capt Lockhard will tell it, if you pleaſe. I beg the favour of you to enquire of Mr Kaine, when his Ex^{cy} ſends the Rolls for England and then be pleaſed to give in mine. My Liev^{tn} and Enſigne ſhould ſigne them but if not at hand, let Kaine aſke his Ex^{cy} what muſt be done in that affaire. There is one Parchement and three Paper ones for each moneth beginning at Auguſt. If his Ex^{cy} will nott ſend all the five moneths, be pleaſed to keepe the Rolls of thoſe moneths wch does not goe. I have neither

neither dated the place nor time, for his Ex^cy^ muſt directe that buſineſſe. If the trouble continue, I have writt to his Ex^cy^ that I may leave to come to your parts; but you need take noe notice of it. Haveing gott a little Albany beere (wch I hope will prove good) for I intend to ſend you a barrell of it, by the firſt opportunity. I deſire you would pleaſe to accept of it, as a ſmall token comeing from your moſt faithfull ffriend and humble Servant

FFR. NICHOLSON

My humble ſervice to all our ffriends and acquaintance and I hope the little Church and its Parſon are both well.

S. V. CORTLANDT TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 296.

N. Yorcke 1688 November ye 17th

S^r^

Y^r^ kind Letter dated the 2^d^ off November I received am glad the [to?] heare y^r^ good health and that my ſon keeps him ſelfe well I hope next ſum̄er to ſee him here againe. I give y^ou^ my harty thancks for y^r^ kindneſſe and affection to mee & ſhall not be wanting thanckfully to acknowledge the ſame on all occaſions. Severall people have been with me for Copies out of the records, but the bookes being with you, could not anſwer their deſires. All the buſineſſe in the ſecretaries office here is onely ſometime a paſſe for the weſt-indian or a licenſe for marriage and that is all ſo that all this winter there wil be nothing to doe. I ſpoke to Mr. Plowman about the Scoch Veſſell at Amboy, he told mee you had writt to him about the ſame. I underſtand that ſhee

ſhee is lett to goe to fiall [Fayal]. It is to be loaden by Mr. Leiſler with pipe-ſtaves. But Mr. Plowman can give mee noe acct whether ſhe is condemned or cleared.

A veſſell from Jamaica bring us the tidings of the Duke of Albemarle being dead and the corps ſent to England.

All is woe here pray remember the poore people att Schenegytade, that they may be relieved off the burthen laid upon them by their neighbours.

if an Opportunity to write to England pray remember me kindly to Mr. Blaithwayt or any other you thinck that may be kind to mee & y° will much oblige y^r freind & ſer^t

S. V. CORTLAND.

FRANCIS NICHOLSON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 303.

Att ffort James New-Yorke December the 3^d 1688

S^r

I hope before this, you have had good ſucceſſe againſt the Indians I am very much concerned not haveing hearde from your partes, ſince the beginning of October, ſoe I have writt to M^r Uſher y^t if any extraordinary news from England or aboute the Indians that he would pleaſe to ſend it me by the way of Roade-Iſland. I doe imagine you are gone, to the Eaſtwarde with his Ex^cy, therefore if you will be ſoe kinde to write me pray ſend it with M^r Uſhers. The little news we had, I hope Capt Lockhart has told you; for he promiſed to finde you out. Our whalers have had pretty good luck, killing aboute Graves-End three large whales. On the eaſte end aboute five or ſix ſmall ones. Cap. Webb

I heare is to be married tomorrow by ffather Smith to one widdow Hixs of Flushing; the wedding I thinke will be kept at her house. Wee have news y^t Nicholas de Morris is below at Sandyhooke; he comes from London, but noe news there is as yet, Capt Sellwicke is daily expected from London; as alsoe the Beaver from Barbadoes. When please God these shall arrive, I hope wee shall have some news by them. I desire you would please to be soe kinde as to let me heare from you (for at psent I am in a very longing condiccon) and in doeing of it, you will infinitely oblige your affectionate ffriend

FFR. NICHOLSON

This is by one Mr Jackson of Barbadoes
(who goes with Madam Palmer) and if you
should be at Boston let me recomend him
to you I hope you will doe me justice if you
write to our ffriends in England.

ye 4th. The winde being easterly arrived here this morneing Nicholas de Morris being eight weekes from the Isle of Wight but thirteen from London. She brings news of greate preparations in England wth greate talke of Warr betwixte ffrance and Holland. Mr Plowman heares the Scotch ship is condemned at Amboy & valued at thirty odd pounds I heare she is already disposed of The Collector hath a letter from the Commissioners of the Custome house aboute Scotch vessells being come into these partes and he supposes this to be her.

[*Endorsed*] Capt Nicholson
Dec. 3. 1688

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S. V. Cortlandt to Edward Randolph.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 304.

New Yorcke 1688 Dec. ye 4th

S^r

Since my laſt nothing has happened worth to trouble you withall a veſſell from England is arrived att Sandy Hooke but noe body come aſhoare. The widdow Hix is to marry with Capt Webb the licenſe is write but not ſigned wee have noe buſineſſe att all in the Secretaries office for want of ſome Records. We long to hear from boſton & how buſineſſe goes to the eaſtward. We hear his Excell^cy is gone thither with 700 men wiether true or falſe wee know nott All is well here abouts.

My humble ſervices to his Excell^cy and all our brothers

This is att pſent all from

S^r y^r Reall friend & ſervant

S. V. Cortlandt

To Mr Randolph Eſq^r

Printed clearance.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 308.

Cuſtome Houſe Boſton
in *New England*,

Theſe may Certifie all whom it doth or may concern that *Capt Edward Lock* Maſter or Commander of the Ship or Veſſel called the *prince of Wales* of *Boſton* Burden *one hundred* Tonns or thereabouts mounted with *ſix* Guns, Navigated with *ffourteen* men *plant a* Built, *ſhipp* is bound hence

 for

for *London* having on Board *ffifty Eight hhds of molaſſes ſeaven hhds one barrell & one bundle of ſkins thirty ſix hhds of muſc^o Sug^r. foure hhds Eight barrells of Tobacco Two barrells & two halfe barrells of Indigoe One thouſand three hundred twenty foure ſticks of Loggwood ſix tonns of Bazaletto wood thirty ſix ſticks of lignumvite ſixteene hhds dry ffiſh ffifteene barrells & Tenn halfe barrells of Cranberrys fourteene baggs of hopps & eighteen thouſand feete of Deale board* hath entred and Cleared his ſaid Veſſel & Goods at his Majeſties Cuſtome-Houſe according to Law, Given under my hand and Seal of Office this *eighteenth* day of *Decemb^r.* in the *Fourth* year of His Majeſties Reign, Annoque Domini 1688.

[SEAL]

ED. RANDOLPH Coll.

S. V. CORTLANDT TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 304.

N: Yorcke 1688 Dec. 22nd.

S^r

Although we have but little matter to write, nevertheleſſe I can not omitt to pay my reſpects & acquaint you off our welfare and thatt all is wel here except that the ſickneſſe continues ſtill wch has taken ſeverall people out off the world.

I ſpoke to Mr Plowman a^bt the ſhip condemned at Amboy; he has taken care about her. She is lett to Mr Laiſler & loaden to ſaile for fyall to fetch wines & after ſafe arrivall may be expected here againe in Aprill I doe not doubt but he has given you a full acc^t thereoff.

Wee have but little buſineſſe in the office being not the time

time off the yeare for it hope it will better in the ſpring, my ſervice to his Excellency & to y^r^ſelfe from y^r^ Reall frind & Servant S. V. CORTLANDT

SIR EDMUND ANDROS TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p.316.

Pemaquid y^e^: 26th Jany 1688[9]

S^r^

I have received y^rs^ of the 15th and 19th inſtant by Maj^r^ Brockley and expreſſe with the Albany letters, all well, & now Anſwer of 20th and all elſe here refer y^ou^ to M^r^ Weſt the bearer hereof hoping the oficers wilbe carefull and all do well weſtward, where I ſhall nott delay returning, as ſoon as the ſtate of theſe parts will admitt itt, am ſorry to hear you were nott well, and ought to keep in till p'fect recovered know nott what to thinck that the Gabriell Ketch Mr Buckley maſter is nott arrived hope is well having had no very bad weather, tho ſo̅me thick ſnowing times I am

y^r^ afectionate humble
ſervant

Mr Randolph E. ANDROS.

G. MUSCHAMP TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 335 [18 February 168⅘]

Worthy S^r^

Tho a ſtranger being concerned in this Province on his Maties behalf to receive the Dutys and haveing heard of

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yor zeale towards his Maties ſervice I muſt needs ſay I have a reſpect to you my inclination from the very cradle been bent to Loyalty ſoe that I take this freedom to creat tho at a diſtance ſome acquaintance that you will (if any ſmall errors happen between this Port and yours) you will interpret them to the beſt advantage I muſt needs ſay this office is of little value the trade of the country being but ſmall however I know not in any one perticular that I failed unleſs in the caſe of Mr Tyler wch was the fault of one of my deputies the ſaid Tyler haveing juſtly paid the duties and entred into bond with ſecurity according to Law Sir let me entreat you to excuſe this impertinent ſcrole and believe me to be Yo^{r} ſervant at Command

G. MUSCHAMP

If Mr Graham be in Boſton pray preſent my ſervice to him and let him know I would write to him if I were certaine of his being there

M^{r} Aſhly ſpeaks very reſpectfully of you

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 334.

Alb. 18th feb. 168$\frac{8}{9}$

Hon^{d} S^{r}

My laſt to you was y^{e} 11th inſtant by an expreſſe over land, ſince when by a letter of Mr Graham, dated y^{e} 2^{d} inſtant (y^{t} came to my hands y^{e} 19th) I heard of y^{r} being well & y^{t} y^{ou} had writt effectually in my favor to England wth y^{e} Ship Prince of Wales for which am infinitely obliged. I wiſh I could ſtudy any way to ſhow my ſelf gratefull. I writt you at

at large in my laſt of ye 11th inſtant how backward ye People were in paying of y^r fees & y^t y^r Commiſſion officers have writt to them of N: Yorke to ſee if they p^d & they ſay they will not pay & therefore ours will not. I deſired Mr Graham to writt a line to our May^r & if you would doe y^e ſame it would doe well y^t he once could be but ſatisfyed y^t it was according to ye eſtabliſhed fee, then I ſhould have no more trouble with them but compell them every on, all which I ſhall expect at ye return of ye expreſſe. I deſign about ye 7 or 8 march to go for N: Yorke to ſee what Col Dongan will doe about my buſineſſe who is much offended at me: I wiſh I knew how to act cautiouſly in it, I ſhall not trouble y^ou^ farther at preſent but remain ſince ye Indian haſtene to be gone Your ever obliged Servt

ROB^T LIVINGSTON.

Mr Randolph

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 350.

Alb. 22 March 168⅝

My very Dear frinde

Since my laſt to y^u of ye 11th of feb. I rec^d both y^rs of ye 11 & 23 Jany ye 21st of laſt month am ſorry y^u were from home when my laſt came to Boſton being ſent a purpoſe for adviſe in ye caſe of Col. Dongan who now has left off his reſolution off going home wth ye Beaver tendring ye Shipe back again & ye owners butt whatever ye deſigns he has is unknowne ſome ſuſpects will goe to Maryland after he has ſecured his eſtate & ſo leave his creditors to condole his abſence. I have

have thought upon y^r good advife of ye 23 Jan^y & know not it may be my beft way when all is done have therefore write to my frinds Graham & Weft for a writt from ye Superior Court [Blank] & doe intend to goe to N: Yorke fpeedily & if he will not by faire means comply & give me fecurity then I muft arreft him or attach his eftate as my frinds beft can advife me. It is a great hardfhip I am putt to & y^t for all my eftate y^t I have in ye world, for if I fhould loofe this all y^t I have & could gett all my life time would not pay my debts. It is ye people money & my owne I have ventured to doe Col. Dongan a kindneffe but he ill requites it. I know not but he may be more calm now. Pray keep this private. I need not inform y^u of ye efforts of ye unnaturall warr att home w^h y^u will have brought & confirmed from all parts fo y^t there is a total Revolution att home. God fend peace in our land again & prevent ye effufion of more Chriftian blood. Pray S^r if it lyes wth y^r Convenience let me have a line from you either to N: Yorke where I am bounde or for Alb. w^h will fuddenly be conveyed. I have often writt to Mr Graham & Mr Weft for ye lift of fees but have nott gott y^u ye officers as I often writt before deny to pay ye accuftomed fees for thefe Commiffions becaufe they of N: Yorke write they have not paid any. Now S^r my dear frinde one word of advife now is worth a thoufand anot^r time for am now in extremity I know y^u have taken great pains already, I beg ye continuance of y^r favor & if all goe well (elfe I am a poor creture) then I fhall demonftrate my felfe wth all integrity to be Mr Randolphs

Ever obliged & devoted Servt to command

ROB^T LIVINGSTON

COUNCIL

Council Meeting.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 354.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Boſton on Wedneſday the 27th day of March 1689

Preſent: His Exceſſy Sr Edmund Andros Knt &c. Joſeph Dudley, Wm Stoughton, Wait Winthrop, John Uſher, Edward Randolph, John Palmer, Nathaniel Clarke, Samll Shrimpton

Ordered That the Treaſurer do ſatisfy his Excell. for his ſalary out of his Matie Revenue till Xtmas laſt paſt.

A true copy as appeares in the minutes of Council

Examd p Isa Addington Secry.

Recommendation of Joseph [Joshua?] Downing by Edward Randolph.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 164.

Aprill: 13: 89:

Sr

The bearer hereof Joſeph Downing of Kittery[19] is an honeſt & loyall man & my old acquaintance. Coll. Maſon delivered his petition for 200 acres of Land in Kittery nigh his dwelling houſe & the Coll. by ye Govrs order appointed a ſurvey of it: which tho' not ſo regular yet as well as could be then done: pray give him your favour & aſſiſtance by finding

[19] Joſhua Downing of Kittery, Province of Maine, petitioned on April 16th, 1688, for confirmation of forty acres of land and alſo for an additional grant of one hundred and ſixty acres. See *Maſſachuſetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p 164.

finding out his petition & obtaining for him a regular proceeding & you will thereby oblige Sr

your humble Servt. E. RANDOLPH.

SPEEDY SETTLEMENT NECESSARY.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 109, p. 209.

At the Committee for Trade & Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Friday the 26: of April 1689.

Present: Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Bolton, Sr. Hen: Capel.

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. . Their Lops will alsoe move His Maty for the speedy setling such a Government in New England, New York and the Jerseys, as, vpon recalling Sr. Edmund Andros, may enable the English there, not only to oppose, by their vnited Forces, the French of Canada and Nova Scotia; but to carry on such farther designs as His Majesty may find requisit; Without wch Vnion and Government the French may easily possess themselves of that Dominion and the Trade of those Parts.

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MR. RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR OF BARBADOS.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 314.

Goal in Boston, May 16. '89

Sir,

By a heady multitude possessed with jealousyes that our Governor, Sir Edmund Andros, was a Papist and intended to

to bring on the French and Indians to cut off the inhabitants, a generall insurrection was intended and so perfected on the 18th of Aprill last, that the Governor, hoping to secure himself in our fort, missed an opportunity of going aboard the Rose frigott, then at anchor in the harbour, and so, being overpowered, wee were taken prisoners of warr, as the silly multitude told us. This proceeded from a dayly expectation (that one Mather, one of their ministers in Boston, had raised by his letters to them from court in the height of popery) of a new charter. I know he or any other (having first subscribed to repealing their penall lawes and test) might for their money obtain fair promises of, and he had so far prevailed with Sir Thomas Powis, atturney generall, that he had obtained a report in their favour, vpon many false suggestions, which, immediately on the P. of Orange his intending to visit the Court of England vanished; however, he had no other engine to draw supplyes of money from the dissatisfied party here, but to feed them up with assurances of a new and much larger charter. They were impatient at his delay and, hearing the newes that all papists were either secured or fled out of England, and would not believe but Sir Edmund was a papist and his commission arbitrary and calculated onely for the suppressing all persons of a different perswasion; they caballed and accordingly executed their principall resolutions: They have not yet sent to England, expecting Mather, their Mahomett, or at least particular orders from court, which will not operate here unlesse consonant to their humours. We have, at this day, above 100 persons equally concerned as conservators of the peace, but their power signifies nothing, further

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than it pleaſes the people; ſometymes they are for having their old magiſtrates reaſſume their former government; ſometymes to form a new modell of government; but their being many more ready (and of neceſſity diſpoſed) to pull down than build up, they know not what to be att: Some, that have eſtates and ſhipping abroad, feare they have done more than they can anſwer, believing other governments will treat them as revolters from their allegiance, and give them neither protection nor lett them depart till they have orders from home how to treat them. This you may pleaſe to communicate to the other governments leeward of you, to whom I have not an opportunity to write, who, I am well aſſured, will alſo highly reſent it, and ſo will the preſent conſtitution at home, whoever be in the throne, and not ſuffer ſo high an indignity to be putt upon the moſt authentick authority any Prince can give his ſubjects for their ſecurity and protection whilſt they act by a power confirmed by the broad ſeal. God onely knowes how affaires ſtand at home. I am confident they will never part with me, unleſſe demanded, by a force or their ſhips ſtoped in the plantations till I am delivered up for their liberty and licenſe to trade. This country is poor, the exact execution of the acts of trade hath much impoveriſhed them; all the blame lyes upon me, who first attacked and overthrew their charter, and was made the officer to continue their Egyptian ſervitude, by my office of collector &c. I intreat you to repreſent my ſtate to the Earls of Clarendon and Rocheſter, by the firſt opportunity, and that the Governor and I may be ſent for home by ſome frigotts. I muſt confeſſe there have been ill men from New-York, who have too much ſtuddied the

the diſeaſe of this people, and both in courts and councills they have not been treated well. However, nothing done can amount to countenance ſuch an open rebellion, and, were I in England, I muſt adviſe a generall pardon, many hundred of innocent perſons being forced to act, otherwiſe to be impriſoned; and the Kingdome of England cannot looſe this Country nor govern it without ſome reſpect and allowance to the weakneſs of thoſe who are miſlead and the force of education and the byas of common prejudices: However, we are, at preſent, as much diſtracted and as far from cementing into any ſort of government as at the building of Babell. God onely keeps them from deſtroying us.

You will have one Robert Glanvill from Salem, maſter of a ketch, he was impriſoned here, for an abettor of pyrates and was impriſoned with 7 pyrates, he can tell you their names; he brought into this country 3700 and odd Spaniſh hides, robb'd from a Portugeſſe veſſell, the men thrown overboard, with other goods to the value of about 2000*l.* This is all proved by ſufficient witneſſes and they kept in goal till ſome particular order from Sir Robert Holmes. About Oct. laſt, he ſent his commiſſion to the Governor and myſelfe, dated to 26 Aug. 88. which we receiving not till November, and the Governor and I ſtaying to the eaſtward till the limite was paſt, could not agree upon a method of proceeding againſt them, in regard they ſtood upon their juſtification, but rather, wee could not be aſſured of a jury that would find againſt them, upon the moſt evident proofe, but now they are at liberty, have their goods, and perhaps may bring ſome of the hides, or barrels of ſmall barrs of copper to your iſland; However, I think the Ketch is forfeited

feited for bringing in the pyrates and their goods to this country, knowing the men to be ſuch, for Glanvill, in his Ketch, ſayled in company with the pyrates, in the veſſell they tooke, as far as New England; he went to Salem, appointed to meet them at Port a Bear, in Nova Scotia, and did ſo and carried them ſupplyes and proviſions; when they burned the veſſell and brought away the goods in this Ketch and other veſſels. This I heartily refer to your conduct and privacy, my life lying at ſtake for the leaſt diſcovery. I cannot truſt Mr. Rudger, father in law to Mr. Weſt, with us, who has been a great inſtrument in impoſing upon this people.

Sir, I wiſh you all happineſs and remain Sir your humble ſervant,

ED. RANDOLPH.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO DR. WILLIAM SANCROFT ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

New England Hiſtorical Genealogical Regiſter, Vol. XXXVII. p. 273.

Boſton: in New England May 28th 1689.

May it pleaſe your Grace —

I humbly recommend to your Grace by the bearer hereof Mr Ratcliffe our Miniſter above 3 yeares; the Sad & diſtracted Condition of this Miniſtry of New England occaſioned by a diſcontented party who on ye 18 of Aprill laſt tooke Armes ſeized upon the ffort Caſtle & Roſe ffrigott at anchor in the Harbour in Boſton, they have impriſoned ye Govr in the fort under a ſtrict Gard, they keep me in the common

common Gaol, giving out he is a Papiſt & that I have committed Treaſon. Their printed Papers which Mr Ratcliffe will preſent to your Grace will give an account of their actions, but nothing therein thats juſtly charged. They had a deſire to return to their former Govt & propoſed this as the onely meanes, which they have ſo unhappily accompliſhed that they have endangered the loſſe of the whole country, for the ffrench our neighbors have above 4000 able Souldiers with the Indians now in open warrs againſt us ſett on by ye french & have onely waited for an opportunity to enter upon a larg part of this Colony included in their Grant from ye ffrench King who now propoſes to make himſelfe maſter of the Beaver trade & of all the fiſhery upon ye coaſt of Nova Scotia. I heare Mr Mather a Miniſter in Boſton & others are ſoliciting hard for a new charter; having applyed to Mr Brent & Sir Thomas Powis late Atturney Genl & had then by them the promiſe of it but I hope I may have his Majties Commands to come for England & ſhew the Reaſon why their former was vacated & ſhew the Great & irrepairable loſſe that will attend the Crown upon Granting it, not but that such grievances as they complaine of may & ought to be redreſſed, when ſufficiently proved before ye Govr who can make his defence for what they have charged upon him as maleadminiſtration: It's true he has endeavoured to have the Acts of Parliat, relating to trade & navigation duly obſerved & prevented their going out to rob in the Spaniſh W: Indies & harbour pyrates as formerly: this is the bottom & ground of all their complaints & this liberty they court & Sue for under the name of a Charter: They have ſett at liberty 7 pyrats in this Goal, for murther & deſtroying

ſtroying 8 Spaniards & taking their ſhips & loading worth above 2000£ & have ſold lately powder & ammunition to the french & Indians in warr with us, who are come into the province of Maine, kill deſtroy & burn what they left ſtanding laſt winter, the preſent Gov^t having withdrawn all the forces left there in very good forts, well man'd by the Govr Sr Ed^d Andros & kept them under ſuch reſtraint & want that the Indians would have been forced to ſue for peace upon any Termes before this tyme. This I humbly ſubmitt to your Graces conſideration humbly intreating the favour that I may be ſent for home to anſwere the crimes laid to my charge & my accuſers to come & proſecute me in any of the courts in England that I may not after all my difficultyes & hardſhips rott to death in a naſty Goal for my faithfull Service to the Crown. I intreat your Graces pardon for this haſty paper and am in all Duty, your Graces moſt humble & moſt obedient ſervant.

E^D RANDOLPH.

I have to add that Mr Mather has publiſhed here a booke called "the Idolatry of ye Common prayer worſhip" which renders all of us of that church obnoxious to the common people who account us popiſh & treat us accordingly. Mr Ratcliffe can ſay more of it. I intended to preſent one of theſe bookes to y^r Grace, but my books & papers & writings are all ſeized upon in hopes to diſcover a popiſh plott.

E. R.

The bearer hereof Mr Ratcliffe was above 3 yeares ago recommended to us by my Lord Biſhop of London. He is a very ſober Gentleman has gott us a church built & a large

large Congregation, but now he is forced to come for England to ſolicit for the enlargement of many of his conſtant hearers impriſoned for no other reaſon but becauſe they were of the church of England which I hope his Majeſty by your Graces favour will be pleaſed to encourage & countenance otherwiſe theſe poore people are by their open profeſſion ſo long as they, or this preſent diſtracted Gov^t continues expoſed to all contumely & hardſhipps in their eſtates and libertyes. of this Mr Ratcliffe can give you^r Grace a full account.

E: RANDOLPH.

MR. RANDOLPH TO THE LORDS OF TRADE.

New York Colonial Documents, Vol. III. p. 578, 29 May, 1689.

To the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for Trade & Foreign Plantacôns.

A ſhort narrative of the preſent unſettled State of his Ma^tys territory and dominion of New England, and of the imminent danger of its being overrun by the French Forces in Canada, if not timely prevented: humbly preſented by Edward Randolph.

May it pleaſe yor Lordſhips.

Upon the eighteenth day of Aprill laſt the people of this country being prepoſſeſſed with ſtrange feares and jealouſyes againſt Sr Edmund Andros Govr and ſome of the members of the Council, took armes, and in a ſhort time made themſelves maſters of the fort, caſtle and Roſe frigott. They ſeized upon the Govr and committed him to ſtrict guard in the Fort, Some they ſent to the Caſtle, and impriſoned me and

and others in the common goale in Boſton. The reaſons of their ſuddain proceedings are publiſhed in their printed papers herewith humbly tranſmitted N° 1. 2.

Since which much time hath bin ſpent in conſulting with the mobile what modell of government to erect, as by their papers N° 3. 4. But your Lord^ps will finde by their paper N° 5. that they intend to reaſſume and act according to the rules of their former Charter.

My Lords. There were ſome perſons inhabitants of Boſton attending laſt yeare at Whitehall who under pretence of grievances and hardſhips put upon them by the Govern^r, laboured by all meanes to ſett aſide the government as it was then eſtabliſhed, and to obtaine confirmacôn of their former Charter from the late King James, and had ſo farr inſinuated themſelves into the good opinion of Father Peters and Sr Thomas Powis late Atturney Genl, that by the aſſiſtance of Mr Brent of the Temple, their ſolicitor, they obtained a report from Sir Thomas Powys to the then Lords of the Committee for Trade, in their favour, that their former Charter was illegally vacated; a duplicate whereof they tranſmitted to their party in Boſton with aſſurance of obtaining a Charter with larger powers; and they, in confidence of their Agents good ſucceſſe and impatient of further delays, revolted, and thereby anticipated by force that favour they would not tarry to receive from England.

About the yeare One thouſand Six Hundred Seventy Eight it was made apparent to the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for Trade by the opinion of Sr Willm Jones and Sr Francis Winington then Atturney and Solicitor Genl, that the ſeverall articles of high miſdemeanour objected

objected againſt the Govern^r & Company of the Maſſachuſetts Bay in New England for their maleadministracôn, were a ſufficient ground (if proved) for his Matye to proceed againſt their Charter by law; ſome of which are as follows, vizt — Coining money without his Ma^tys permiſſion; Tradeing contrary to ye Acts of Navigcôn, whereby His Ma^tys revenue was greatly impaired (as was made appeare by the peticôn of ſeveral eminent Merchants of London preſented to His Ma^ty in Council,) Not allowing thoſe or any other Acts of Parliament to be in force with them unleſs ſoe declared in their Genl Aſſembly; — Denying appeales from their Courts to England; Laying Cuſtomes upon the goods of His Ma^tyes ſubjects (not freemen of the colony) tho' imported directly from England; And for proſecuting by fines, impriſonment, whipping, baniſhment & putting to death, His Ma^tyes ſubjects for matters in religion. All which were confeſſed by their Agents in their petition to His Ma^ty during their attendance at Court to anſwer the complaints of M^r Maſon and Mr Gorge for invadeing their Provinces of New Hampſhire and Maine in New England. Whereupon Sr Robert Sawyer, then Atturney Genl was ordered by the Lords of the Committee for Trade to bring a Writt of Quo Warranto againſt their Charter, which for thoſe ſeverall offences and alſoe for refuſing to ſubmitt to ſuch a regulacôn in the management of their government ſo as all His Ma^tys ſubjects might finde equal juſtice amongſt them; and upon their refuſing alſoe to plead (tho' they had all favour and time allowed them to make their defence) was vacated, and a commiſſion granted to ſeverall gentlemen, members of their late Council, to exerciſe government in that colony; of

wch number was Mr Bradſtreet (preſent pretended Govern^r), who refuſed, and the others with great difficulty accepted thereof, as appeares by the printed paper N° 6.

About the yeare one thousand ſix hundred eighty five the French of Canada encroached upon the lands of the ſubjects of the Crowne of England, building forts upon the heads of their great Rivers, & extending their bounds, diſturbed the inhabitants, and layde a clayme to thoſe lands which for many yeares had belonged to the Engliſh; and under pretence of a right to the ſole fiſhery between the degrees of forty three and forty ſix North latitude, they ſeized eight New England ketches laden with fiſh off the coaſt of Nova Scotia, took away all their fiſh, treated their maſters moſt barbarouſly and afterwards carryed them and moſt of the ketches to Rochell, where they were a long time impriſoned. The maſters came afterwards from thence to New England. I then aſſiſted them in their applicacôn to the Earle of Sunderlande and to the Lord Preſton, then Embaſſador in France; but his Lordſhip, though he preſſed the matter, could obtaine noe redreſſe. Whereupon it was adviſed and ordered in Council that the three ſmall Colonyes of Connecticott New Plymouth and Rhode Iſland, not able to make any defence againſt the French, together with the Provinces of New Hampſhire and Maine, ſhould be united and made one entire government, the better to defend themſelves againſt invaſion. And accordingly a commiſſion was directed to Sr Edmund Andros with inſtruccons to take them all under his care, which he accordingly accepted and they in a ſhort time submitted thereunto.

The French about Canada intending to engroſſe the whole beaver

beaver trade to themſelves, did in the time of peace ſurprize about twenty ſeven of the chiefe Captains belonging to the Five Nations of the Indians (traders with the towne of Albany in the government of New Yorke) who had ſubjected themſelves to the Crowne of England many years agoe & have bin accounted ſubjects and p'tected both by the Dutch and Engliſh Government att New Yorke. And accordingly Coll. Dongan received orders from England to aſſiſt and ſupport theſe Five Nations of Indians againſt the French; and certainly they had destroyed and outed the French out of Canada, had not Coll. Dongan, upon the inſinuation of a French Jeſuite, kept the Indians (much againſt their inclinacôns) in Albany, maintained at the Kings charge for ſeverall weeks; in which time the French Govern^r ſupplyed his forts with all ſorts of ſtores and p'viſions for one yeare in four hundred birch canoes, which would have otherwiſe fallen into the hands of our Indians, and the forts alſoe not longer able for want of ſupplyes to hold out. Coll. Dongan raiſed men in New Yorke, which he kept for ſome time at Albany, and has charged for that expedition about ſix thouſand four hundred pounds, as by his originall account appeares, of which I have ſomething (when in England) to lay before your Lordſhips. The French by their artifices obtain'd at our Court a treaty of trade and commerce, betweene the ſubjects of the two Crowns, in the yeare 1688, which tho' very diſadvantageous to the Engliſh in theſe parts of America, yet ſince the Provinces of New Yorke and the Jerſeys have bin united to New England under the governm^t of Sr Edmund Andros, that treaty has bin duly obſerved both by our Indians and Engliſh, but not generally

generally by the French. They very much court the Five Nations of Indians to ſubmitt to the government of Canada, and by their Jeſuites ſtrangely allure them with their beades crucifixes and little painted Images, gaining many new converts. One Monſeiur Town-to [Tonti] a French officer from Canada has enlarged their pretenſions and ſettled a Fort and garriſon upon the Lakes on the back ſide of Carolina. During this ceſſation upon the treaty of peace and commerce, they are not idle, but attempting upon the Engliſh intereſt in theſe parts of the world.

About Auguſt laſt, the time Sr Edmund Andros went to take poſſeſſion of the government at New Yorke, eleven French Indians, killed five of our Indians neere the towne of Springfield and ſoon after five Engliſh at the towne of Northfield upon Connecticutt River; they fled to Canada, and tho' knowne by name and demanded by Sr Edmund Andros, yet Marque d'Nouville [Denonville] the French Governour refuſed to ſurrender them. Soon after the Indians to the Eaſtward upon a miſunderſtanding betwixt them and the Engliſh, fell upon the Engliſh townes in the Province of Maine, deſtroyed their corne and cattle, burnt their houſes, killed ſome and took others of the inhabitants priſoners; having with them a French prieſt in their councills.

Upon the Governo^rn^ returne from Albany to Boſton (where the Five Nations of Indians expreſſ'd great duty and obedience,) finding the Indians continuing to make ſpoil upon the Engliſh plantacôns, it was ordered in Council that a conſiderable force ſhould be raiſed, and the conduct of that expedicôn was offered upon very good terms to Major Generall Winthrop one of the Councill; but he, unwilling to

to ſerve his native countrey, and others alſo refuſing that command, the Governo^r undertook that difficult ſategue in the depth of winter; and tho' by unuſuall mildneſs of the winter the rivers and lakes were not frozen, ſo as his men could march after the Indians when and where he intended, yett they were wholly reſtrained from doing any dammage to the Engliſh townes, by ſeveral forts built by him ſo advantageouſly, upon the rivers and paſſes. Upon the firſt froſt he was out a week in the head of one hundred and twenty good men, marching a foot thro' diſmall and almoſt impaſſable ſwamps, at which time were taken and destroyed about thirty Indian canoes. Some time after a party of one hundred and ſixty men marched above one hundred and twenty miles right up into the countrey, in a deep snow, and burnt two Indian forts from whence they carried ſome beaver, ammunition and goods taken from the Engliſh and deſtroyed and brought away twenty-eight Indian canoes, and reduced them to the uſe of their bows and arrows that they could not much longer hold out, but beg their lives upon any termes, had not ſome merchants in Boſton (Foſter & Waterhouſe) chiefe in this rebellion (during the Governo^rs abſence from thence) ſent a veſſell of forty tunns with ſupplyes of powder, ſhott, bread, Indian Corne, and Engliſh linnen and woolen manufacture to trade with thoſe Indians and the French, betweene Port Royall and Penobſcott, who were alſoe in great want.

The Governo^r left the forces to the Eaſtward on the ſixtenth of March and arrived in Boſton about a week after, and as ſoon as thoſe ſouldiers had notice of the diſturbance in Boſton, ſome forſooke, others revolted, ſeized upon their officers

officers, and ſent them bound priſoners heither; ſo that all that countrey, extending above fourty leagues upon the ſeaſhore, that was ſecured in their fiſhery and ſawmills is now deſerted and left to the ravage of the barbarous heathens, who are already come down, have deſtroyed and burnt ſome forts and ſeverall dwelling houſes and kill'd ſome of the people, the miſerable inhabitants, in no way capable to preſerve themſelves and cattle but by flight.

The French have above four thouſand good men about Canada, ready for any deſigne. I expect that upon the newes of the Boſtoners reaſſuming their old government (no care being taken for the out townes and Provinces) they will joyne with the Indians, and in a ſhort time ſwallow and be maſters of that part of the Countrey (not long ſince granted to the French Weſt India Company by patent from their King) and then being poſſeſſed of our beſt ports & harbours, be maſters of all the great maſts in New England and will infeſt the trade of other the Engliſh forraine plantacôns: the prevention whereof was one chiefe ground of putting all thoſe petty governments under one generall Governour.

My Lords. Notwithſtanding all the pretenſions of grievances mencôned in their papers, and cryes of oppreſſion in the Govern^ns proceedings, it's not the perſon of Sr Edmund Andros, but the government itſelf, they deſigne to have removed, that they may freely trade; and therefore urge a neceſſity of His Ma^ty^s grant for a new or confirming their old charter.

I take leave humbly to repreſent to yor Lordſhipps that the bottom and plain truth of the whole matter of complaint

againſt

againſt His Majeſtyes immediate government from England ariſes upon the following reaſons.

1st Becauſe ſince the vacating their charter they have bin kept from the breach of the Acts for Trade and Navigacôn, encouraged by their former government to trade to France Holland Spaine Scotland and Ireland, bringing the commodityes of thoſe Kingdomes directly to Boſton; paying only a ſmall cuſtome for the ſupport of their own government, and alſoe carrying the plantacôn commodityes directly to thoſe kingdomes, without ever touching at or paying the cuſtomes in England as the law requires. They are reſtrained from ſetting out privateers who for many yeares together robbed the Spaniſh Weſt Indies and brought great bootyes to Boſton; and alſo they durſt not during the Governour's time, harbour pyratts. This place was the common receptacle of pyratts of all nations.

2nd About fifteene yeares agoe Captain l'Moin, a Frenchman, brought in two or three very rich Dutch prizes worth above one hundred thouſand pounds. Mr Richard Wharton one of the Agents ſoliciting for the Charter (if in England) was L'Moins Atturney. He was a great undertaker for pyratts and promoter of irregular trade. I forbear to trouble yor Lordſhips with the inſtances of any more pyratts who have bin received and p'tected by ſome now in the preſent government.

3d They have bin reſtrained from tradeing with the French at Newfoundland, by expreſs order from the Commicôners of His Matyes Cuſtomes, which very much enraged thoſe merchants who traded in great quantityes for brandy and other French goods, brought thither directly from France.

4 Their liberty of coining money is taken away which encouraged pyratts to bring their plate hither, becauſe it could be coined and conveyed in great parcells undiſcovered to be ſuch. Mr Sewell another of the Agents attending in England was Maſter of the Mint, and a looſer by putting that down.

5th The Miniſters, who in their Government were chiefe in adviſing and directing matters of publique import, as well in electing Magiſtrates as in makeing laws and what elſe did relate to the government, and now chiefe in contriving & ſetting on foot this generall revolt and ſubverſion of the government; were not conſulted with.

Their preſent practice ſince their revolt is a ſufficient demonſtracôn of what they intend to doe when they receive a Charter. They have already ſett at liberty ſeverall pyratts impriſoned in the common gaole, who robb'd a Spaniſh ſhip loaden with about four thouſand Spaniſh hydes, money, plate, and rich commodityes, which they brought into this countrey, murthered eight of the men, & brought with them two Spaniſh captives, who, with the confeſſion of ſome of their company at ſea, have made undenyable proofe of it; and they have liberty to ſell their hydes and go about their buſineſs; ſince which the pyratts have ſold the two Spaniſh witneſſes in this towne.

Three privateers are now fitting out for the Spaniſh Weſt Indies.

Five Miniſters of Boſton, viz' Moode, Allen, young Mather, Willard and Milburn an Anabaptiſt Miniſter, were in the Councill Chamber on the eighteenth of Aprill when the Govern' and myſelfe were brought out of the Fort before

fore them, writeing orders, and were authors of ſome of their printed papers.

My Lords. I am kept very inhumanely and the Governour worſe, whoſe packett ſent by expreſſe order from Whitehall and letters of both publick and private concernes of his and mine, are ſtop'd and opened by Sr William Phips, who ſays the Governr is a rogue and ſhall not have his packetts nor letters, and pretends an order for ſo doing and keeps them from us. I humbly intreat the favour off your Lordſhips that I be not expoſed here to the malice of thoſe who, for my faithfull ſervice to the Crowne for fourteen yeares in this countrey, are become my enemyes; but rather, if yor Lordſhips pleaſe, that they may be commanded to ſend me and my accuſers to England, to anſwer what they haue to charge me with.

I have many things (relateing to the well being of this countrey) of great import to His Matyes ſervice, which, being now a cloſſe priſoner and all my papers and materiall writeings kept from me, I am in no condition to tranſmitt to yor Lordſhips, but expect, with patience by your Lordſhips direccôns for a ſpeedy opportunity for ſo doing.

All which is humbly ſubmitted by

EDW. RANDOLPH.

From the Common Gaole in
Boſton the 29. of May 1689.

[*Endorſed*] "Recd from Mr Randolph
"3 July. 1689."

PETITION OF SARAH RANDOLPH.

Board of Trade, New England, 5. (5).

[Undated; probably about 22 July 1689.]

To the Kings moſt Excell: Ma:tie

The humble Peticon of Sarah Randolph wife of Edward Randolph Secretary of New England

Sheweth

That yo: Pet:n Huſband has ſerved the Crowne this 30 yeares, and has alwayes demeaned himſelfe as a dutifull and Loyall Subject, and is & alwayes was a Proteſtant.

That in Aprill laſt, diverſe of the Inhabitants of New England in a violent manner did ſeize and Impriſon the Governo: and ſeverall others, together with yo: Pet:n Huſband, who has been ever ſince kept under the cloſeſt Confinement.

That he has no other meanes whereby to maintain himſelfe, your Petition: & 5 Children, but by his ſaid Imployment, ſo that unleſs he be ſet at Liberty, they muſt inevitably periſh.

Your Pet: moſt humbly prayes that yo: Ma:tie will be Graciouſly pleaſed to give Order for the Releaſing her ſaid Huſband from his Impriſonment, or that he may be ſent for into England to anſwer before your ma:tie to whatſoever may be laid to his Charge.

And yo: Pet: (as in duty bound) ſhall ever pray &c.

RANDOLPH

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT, FROM GAOL.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 87.

Cōmon Goal in New England.
22th July 1689.

The Ketch Mary of Boſton 40 Ton John Updyke Maſtr by whom I ſend this, hath Loaded here the enumerated Comodityes without having firſt given Bond as ye Law does require I cannot ſeize her here unleſs my Officer ſhould be knockt o'th head There is noe Law noe Courts No Juſtice no Governm! All crying Out againſt the Acts of Trade And now Veſſells arive from Holland and Newfoundland loaden wth Wine Oyle and Brandy I cannot Truſt the Goal wth any of my Lrs for I am lyable to be Searched every hour And that would add to my Charge of Treaſon againſt their Governr As my Acting here by Cōmiſſion and Deputacōn without their Conſent is already Adjudged, And I am Voted not Baylable.

EDWARD RANDOLPH.

To William Blathwayte Eſqr

[*Endorſed*] 2 October 1689
Preſentm! of ye Comiss of
the Cuſtomes touching the
Violation of the Acts of trade.
New England.

DUPLICATE

Duplicate of Mr. Randolph's Letter to my Lord Privie Seale.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 104.

From ye Common Goal in Boſton
July 23 : 1689.

May it pleaſe yr Lordſp.

Wheither Mr. Mather (one of the preachers in this Town) has vpon his bare ſuggeſtion ſo farr inſinuated into the favour of ye Court as to obtaine a Grant of a New Charter, Or a Confirmation of their Old one (as they ſay here illegally vacated) No ſhip from Engd has adviſed vs. Certaine it is, That vpon a preſumption of that onely, they continue Sr. Edmd. Andros, my ſelfe, & ſeuerall other Gent in priſon vnder cloſe confinemt. and at laſt charge vs with the Breach of a Capitall Law, made by the Generall Court, when they ſett vp for a Common Wealth Gomt. as appeares by the Reſolues of ye Repreſentatiues of the ſeuerall townes in the Colony (ſitting in Convention with the Gour. & Councill) Duplicates of ſome whereof & of their Law I humbly incloſe to yr. Lordſp.

And now my Lord, this poeple hauing dared to proceed to this height, vpon Hope onely of receiuing their Charter priveleges (as they term them) what can wee expect vpon the arrivall of their Agents, loaden with ſuch favors? but that they proceed to trye vs vpon their Lawes: or if it bee his Maties. pleaſure to direct other methods for governing this Country, the Guilt of their Crimes already done, & the feare of deſerued puniſhment is ſuch; That they will Maſſacre vs, & at the ſame tyme caſt off their Allegiance to ye Crown, accounting

counting them ſelues his Maties Nominall & not reall Subjects, as one of their Cheife Miniſters lately declared in publick. I hope y^r^ Lordſ^p^ has long ſince receiued my letters by M^r^ Vſher Treaſurer of ye Territory, & by our Miniſter Mr Ratcliffe; and that his Ma^ty^ (vpon Conſideration of the imminent danger of this whole plantation is in to be deſtroyed by faction & populer Rage, Or be made a prey to Indians & Our aſſpiring Neighbors the French) has ſent heither a ſufficient force to quiett the preſent diſorders, & reduce this Country to a firm dependance vpon ye Crown. Here is no Goverm^t^ No Law: Cuſtoms, Exciſe and the Acts of Trade & Navigation are Cryed down: All things are carried on by a furious Rabble animated & Encouraged by ye Crafty Miniſters, ſome whereof (as young Mather, ſon to old Mr Mather their Agent) were the Cheife promoters of this Rebellion: theſe haue infected the Neighbouring Colonyes of New plymouth Road Iſland and Connecticutt, & ſent their Agitators to New york, that they may not appeare the Onely Rebells in theſe parts of ye world.

During this Commotion the Eaſtern Indians (in armes laſt winter) dayly alarum Our out-townes: foure Conſiderable Townes are wholy deſtroyd, the Fiſhery loſt: the Forts built by Sr Edm^d^ Andros are burnt down, about [*ſic*] 50 perſons lately kild & taken Captiues, with a Rich plunder; the diſtreſſed poeple hauing left their houſes & Cattell in the other townes haue petitioned to the Gou^r^ & Councill for ſouldiers to defend the Remaining townes in ye province of Maine, but can haue no ſutable Releiſe: the Country has No Officers fitt for Such a Seruice; nor can they Raiſe Souldiers nor money to pay the Charg of this Warr, the

poeple

poeple not being ſatisfied that they haue power to Raiſe either: So that in a very ſhort tyme All the Eaſtern Country (of great Import to ye Crown) will be wholy deſerted and left to the Rauage of the Heathen: All which, together with Such papers I haue ſent to Mr Blathwayt relating to the preſent affaires & ſtate of this place I humbly ſubmitt to y^r Lordſ^ps Conſideration and in all Duly remaine Right Honble your Lordſ^ps moſt humble Seru^t

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Endorſed*] N: England. 23 July 1689.
Duplicat of Mr Randolph's Letter to my L^d
Privy Seale. Originall deliverd the 6 Nov. 1689.

FROM MR RANDOLPH TO CAP^T NICHOLSON.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 107.

Sr Common Gaol July 29th 89.

The 24 inſtant wee had adviſe of 6 men killd out of 19 going to the weſt ſide of Kennebeck Riuer from ye fort at Saradehock to ſecure their cattell: the 28th wee had adviſe that on ye 22: were killd at Saco 10 men & 4 wounded: & 4 or 5 houſes burnt: they were intended to ſend men to joine with the men of New ichawannock who had certaine adviſe where the Indians were & ſent ſome for their horſes; but ye Indians ſhott down 4 men mounted; this alarumd the Garriſon, who run out about 28 in great haſt, Saw ye Indians at a diſtance, followed them to a ſwamp in very much diſorder & out of breath, ſtriving who ſhould gett the firſt ſum̄ of 8^tt Sett vpon ye head of Euery Indian taken in fight; but ye Indians kild there 6 more & wounded ye foure: tooke

tooke aboue 20 good armes, they neuer making a ſtand: I expect to haue 2 or 3 tymes aweeke Such newes ſo long as they continew in ye Remaining Out townes. They haue left Saco, the Cattell & corn at the favour of the Enemy. Its a queſtion wheither ye Gom^t will take any care to preſerue thoſe parts being out of their Colony: the repreſentatiues decline it wholy.

[The] 25 was a faſt kept as by ye Incloſed order: Mr Bradſtreet recommended to Allen & Moode to exhort their flock to obedience to ye preſent Gom^t they tooke no notice of him: Allens text was ye 9th Chap^r Ezra 3 laſt verſes & greatly ſhowed his diſſatisfaction that his people ſuffred their Children to marry to perſons out of their pale: Moode Encouraged them to ſtand to ye liberty whereto they are called: Gaue God thanks that he had reſtored their Judges as of old. They are in great want of Mr Mather & their Charter: he told them ſome had petitioned the King for a Gou^r from Eng^d but he ſaid his Curſe was vpon them & they ſhould not proſper. They make very ſure of Continuing to themſelues the Gom^t & will not accept of anything leſſe then their old Gom^t reſoluing to ſtand it out to the laſt man, hauing now Gott the Militia in their power; & they take more care how to oppreſſe all who are not of their party then to preſerue the diſtreſſed poeple from ye Indians. Marke Emerſon & One Clem of your Company & one of ye Gou^rs were kild at Sacadehock. Old Alden is lately returnd in ye Sloop Mary from Penobſcot: he ſayes [Caſteen] told him that [Moros] was lately returnd from Canada with ſupplyes; that there were 4 men of warr & as many Merc^ts ſhips arriued at Quebeck & that ye Gou^r ſent him word

there

there was warr betwixt Eng^{d} & france. The Mifcheifes already done by ye Indians & what more ruines which wee dayly expect both from them & ye french who will not lye ftill hearing of the Confufions here are all Charged vpon Sr Edm^{d} Andros.

S^{r} I know not how this Country can be preferued from vtter deftruction euen from ye Civill diffentions vnleffe His Matie has fent a Confiderable force to Subdue them: as for Letters & Comm^{ns} from his Matie, vnleffe well backd by a Good force will rather encourage the faction then the honeft party, who are by all meanes kept vnder Hatches. I expect the french will attack pifcataqua & make them felues Mafters of that place or Salem if not Bofton, wee being in no Condition to oppofe them. I wifh you all happines; pray giue my poore wife a vifit, I heare fhe has been long fick. Young Mather & Willard are high ag^{t} the Old Church; they are very much devided. Peter Sarjeant was yefterday admitted into ye New Church.

I am S^{r}

your humble Seru^{t}

EdRandolph.

I am to acquaint you that tomorrow is held a County Court in Bofton. Leiftn^{t} Jordan is ftill in Goal: Capt Manning is out vpon bond: Mr Jemifon wrote to them peremptorily enough for his liberty, they anfweared him that he muft ftay till ye County Court, & if nobody vpon proclamation had ought to Charge him with he fhould haue his liberty: this is the firft part of New England Juftice & ye liberty of the Subject.

[*Addreffed*]

[*Addressed*] To Capt. ffrancis Nicholson
Leiftn.t Gou.r of his
Ma.ties Territory & dom̃
of New Eng.d
or in his absence to M.r
Jõ Vsher:
Whitehall.

[*Endorsed*] New England
29 July 1689.
From M.r Randolph
to Capt. Nicholson.
Rec.d from Cap.t
Nicholson 8 Nov. 89.

Petition of Andros, Randolph, &c. to be sent to England.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 109, p. 246.

At the Committee for Trade and Plantac̃ons
At the Councill-Chamber at Whitehall
Munday the 29.th of July 1689.

Present: L.d Privy Seal, Earl of Nottingham, L.d Viscount Lumley.

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A L̃re to N: England.

. . Upon Their Lõps Representac̃on of Cap.t Nicholsons Letter, together with the Narrative of M.r Riggs, and the Petic̃ons in behalf of S.r Edmond Andros, M.r Trefry and M.r Randolph, it having been Order'd in Councill, that A L̃re from His Ma.ty be sent to New England, requiring that the Petic̃ors and others Seiz'd in like manner be sent into England to Answer what may be

be Objected againſt them Their Lõps Agree that the orders ſent thither may be to ſuch as for the time being take Care of preſerving the Peace, and Adminiſtring the Laws in their Ma$^{ty's}$ Colony of the Maſſachuſets Bay in N. England.

Order for sending Sir Edmund Andros to England.

Maſſachuſetts Hiſtorical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 711.
30 July 1689.

To ſuch as for the Time being take Care for preſerving the Peace and Adminiſtring the Laws in Our Colony of the Maſſachuſetts Bay in New England in America.

Duplicat.

William R,

Whereas Sr Edmond Andros, K^{t}, Late Governour of Our Dominion of New England, has been ſeiz'd by ſome People in Boſton, and is detein'd under Cloſe Confinem^{t} there, together with Edward Randolph, John Trefry, and Divers others, Our Subjects, Who have humbly requeſted us that they may be either ſett at Liberty, or ſent in ſafe Cuſtody into England, to anſwer before us what may be objected againſt them; We do hereby will and require that the ſaid Sr Edmond Andros, Edward Randolph, John Trefry, and others Our Subjects, that have been in like manner ſeiz'd by the ſd People of Boſton; and ſhall be at the Receipt of theſe Our Commands detein'd there under Confinem^{t}, be forthwith ſent on Board the firſt ſhipp bound hither, to anſwer before Us, what may be Objected againſt them, and that yo^{u} take care that they be Civilly uſed in their Paſſage from New England, and ſafely Convey'd to Our Royall Preſence.

Given

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, this Thirtieth Day of July, 1689, in the Firſt year of Our Reign.

By His Ma^ty^ Command:

NOTTINGHAM

[ſealed with the Privy Seal]

PRESENTM^T^ TOUCHING MR RANDOLPH.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 84.

Cuſtome Houſe. London.
23 Auguſt 1689.

To the R^t^ Hono^ble^ the Lords Comm^rs^ of their Ma^ts^ Treãry.

Preſentment

By the Comm^rs^ for manageing and Cauſing to be Leavyed and Collected their Ma^ts^ Cuſtomes Subſidys and other Duties.

The Comm^rs^ have lately Received a Letter of the 29th of May Laſt from Mr Edward Randolph Collector Surveyor and Searcher of their Ma^ts^ Cuſtomes in New England, Setting forth his being Throwne into the Common Goale and there Deteyned on Accompt of the late Revolution, That he was in Danger of his Life by the Fury of the Multitude, That all his Books and Papers were Seized, and that Liberty was now there taken to Violate the Act of Navigation as formerly. And the Comm^rs^ doe Underſtand That his Ma^ty^ hath been Pleaſed already to ſend his Orders to the Government there, for the ſending home the Said Mr Randolph as well as the Late Govern^r^ Sr Edmond Androſs, to anſwer here, what may be Objected againſt them, But if noe Admonition hath yet been given to thoſe People of New

New England for Preſerving the Said Act of Navigation, The Comm^rs doe humbly Pray, That their Lord^pps will be pleaſed to Move his Ma^ty for Orders to that Effect, As alſo That all the Books and Papers of the ſaid Mr Randolph which have been taken from him may be Sealed up and ſent to one of his Ma^ts Principal Secrys of State, That ſoe much of them as Concernes his Ma^ts Publick Revenue may be Placed with the Comm^rs here til Some other Pſon be appointed to goe and Execute the ſaid office of Collector, Surveyor and Searcher in thoſe parts.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL
G: BOOTHE
JO. WERDEN
T. PELHAM
ROB^T CLAYTON.
P. WARD.

[*Endorſed*] 23 Aug. 1689.
Preſentm^t Touching
Mr Randolph in
New England.
For the Cōmittee of
Plantacons
Read in Councill Sept. 2nd 89.

"Mr RADOLP TO THE COM^TEE"

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 94.

Common Goal in Boſton
N. Eng^d Sep^t 5: 1689.

May it pleaſe y^r Lordſ^pps

Fiue months are paſſd ſince Mr Bradſtreet & ye former Magiſtrates entred by force of Arms upon ye Gōm^t of this Colony

Colony, Impriſoning Sr Edm^{d} Andros, my ſelfe & others of the Councill, for Exerciſing a power of Gõm^{t} amongſt them, which they call vſurpation & ſay y^{t} the Crown of Eng^{d} cannot appoint a Gou^{r} in their Colony without an open violation of their Charter Rights: During which tyme ye Indians haue ouer-run ye greateſt part of ye Eaſtern Country, from ye River of St Croix (the Eaſtern boundary of this Territory) to Piſcataqua River, aboue 200 miles in length vpon ye Sea Coaſts: they haue taken the Town & fort at Pemmaquid, (the place of moſt import in thoſe parts) together with ye Townes of New Harbour, Newtown & New Dartmouth, & ye Strong fort there; The fort vpon ye Paſſe at Damaras Cottar River, the fort of Tueſſett on Kennebeck River, and alſo the fort vpon Pojepſcott River: All built & well mannd by Sr Edm^{d} Andros order: The townes alſo of Saccadehock, North Yarmouth, Richmonds Iſland; & Saco, where 2 Good forts well ſetled, & Cachecha in the townſhip of Douer vpon Piſcataqua River; moſt of the houſes, Corn & Cattell burnt & deſtroyed; about 300 Chriſtians Kild & taken Captiues. In the Province of Main the townes of Wells Caſco York & Kittery & ſome few fortified houſes (ill mannd) are yet remaining, but expect not long to continue, for no ſufficient care is taken by ye Gom^{t} at Boſton for their Releiſe, being out of their Colony (as ye poore diſtreſſed people applying to them for help are told). About 3 weekes ago the Enemy did attack ſome ſcattring houſes in ye Townes of Havarell & Andouer (30 miles from hence) wherevpon the Gõm^{t} are raiſing 3: or 400 men horſe & foot, but haue No Officers fitt to Command them, & therefore the Souldiers chuſe rather to lye in Goal then ſerue vnder them (as

(as many at this tyme do) and in caſe they can Compleat their Numbers, they deſign them onely to defend their Out Townes, & not to Suppres or deſtroy ye Indians. The damage already done amounts to aboue 60000 ſterl: The fiſhery & Lumber (ye Cheife Comodityes of this Country) are quite deſtroyed, beſides the loſſe of a very fruitefull Country for Corn & Cattell, with many Good Harbors, & all ye Great Maſts fitt for ye vſe of ye Royall Navy (are in ye hands of french or Indians) not to be valued. Theſe (My Lords) are but ye beginning of ye Deſolation brought vpon this Country by ye Tumultuous deſignes of an Antimonarchicall faction: Three dayes after they had ſubverted ye Eſtabliſhed Gõm^t the Councill of ſafety directed their Orders to Capt Savage & others their Confidents to diſmiſs all ye Officers (as by a Copy of that Order N° 1:) and to draw off the Souldiers ſetled there by Sr Edm^d Andros in thoſe ſeuerall forts aboue named: by which action, from the tyme ye Indians firſt broak out into Rebellion to that day, the whole Eaſtern country was well Secured, & ye Enemy brought to Such Extreamityes, That they were Coming in to deliver vp ye Cheife Rebells & Submitt to mercy. Butt by this ſucceſs & Extraordinary Booty they haue gott from ye Engliſh, their Numbers are now Greately increaſed, ſeuerall Nations who all laſt winter declined to aſſiſt them, are now joind & make vp a body of 5: or 600 fighting men. In March laſt they were ſupplied with Ammunition by ſome Merc^ts from Boſton, & ſince by the french from Canada: who euery way Countenance & aſſiſt the Indians in their attempts ag^t ye Engliſh: beſides the Inhabitants at Cape Codd are apprehenſiue that ye Indians (about 1000 in number

ber in that part, euer till now in good freindſhip with their Engliſh Neighbors) intend a Riſing, in regard of their great meetings & frequent Dances, the vſuall indication of their taking Arms. Theſe & many ſuch like Calamityes befalling other Colonyes & places in ye Territory no way related to Boſton, putt Sr Edm^d Andros vpon attempting his liberty, and on ye third of Auguſt laſt came to Newport on Road Iſland; intending to moderate & Compoſe ye minds of ye deluded poeple, but ye Councill at Boſton hearing he was gone ſent their Orders by Sea & land to apprehend him, & by their Agitators ſtird vp a Rabble at Road Iſland who treated him vnhumanely, & betrayed him to 2 Troopes of horſe ſent by ye Boſtoners to receiue & bring him back to ye Caſtle: and being charged with unbailable crimes (as by the encloſed copye of Reſolues N° 2) and his Keeper treates him as ye worſt of Malefactors, not permitting his Doctor or Cooke to come to him, & provide him neceſſaryes. My Lords this poeple by their Reſolues & proceedings therevpon, haue diſcouered, That what euer ſpecious pretences (of being Papiſts or popiſhly affected) were at firſt objected ag^t Sr Edm^d Andros & others continued vnder ſtrict impriſonm^t they are reſolued to mainetaine their Charter Gom^t (as they call it) and that ye Crown of Eng^d is to Expect no further Obedience from them then what they are obliged to by Charter. My Lords, Some of y^r Lordſ^ps may pleaſe to remember, that his late Matie King Charles ye Second, taking notice of ye Greate miſcheifes which had befallen his Plantation of New Eng^d from ye many independent and petty Gom^ts ſett vp in y^e ſeverall Colonyes; for prevention whereof, vpon moſt adviſed delibeation was determined to vnite

vnite them All vnder one Gen^{ll} Gou^{r}: which afterwards in ye yeare 1686 was happily accomplifhed by a Commiss: vnder ye Great Seal to Sr Edm^{d} Andros: the better to Secure them from a forain power, or from another Incurfion of ye Indians: being in ye yeares 1675 & 76 greately infefted by them, many Townes deftroyed & aboue 1000 men kild in that warr; & Notwithftanding all the force the Boftoners raifed & fent Eaftward, they were no wayes Capable to fubdue thofe Indians vntill Sr Edm^{d} Andros then Gou^{r} of New York fent a Confiderable party of Souldiers and built a fort at Pemmaquid (then vnder his Gom^{t}) & thereby obliged ye Indians to deliver vp to ye Boftoners aboue 100 Englifh Captiues & 12 fifhing Ketches taken from them that warr. At this diftance I know not what Arguments may be vfed by fome out of private Intereft or by others vnacquainted with the true ftate of this Country to reftore to the feuerall Colonyes their feperate formes of Gom^{t} Butt from my 14 yeares experience in ye publick Tranfactions of ye whole plantation I humbly propofe it abfolutely neceffary for ye honour & Intereft of ye Crown & for ye lafting well being of New Eng^{d} That 1500 or at leaft 1000 Good Souldiers be fpeedily fent heither to reduce this poeple to a firm dependance vpon ye Crown & to regaine what is already loft: otherwife, Not onely New Eng^{d} but the Neighbouring Plantations of Maryland Virginnia & Carolina (couered to ye Weftward by divers populous Nations of ye Indians) will in a fhort tyme be ouer-run & made a prey to the Incroaching French, who if not prevented will become Mafters of all the Englifh foraine Plantations; having already fettled feuerall forts amongft thofe Indians as far as the backfide of South Carolina.

lina. I may not omitt to acquaint y^r Lordſ^ps that the Revolt of this poeple was puſhd on by their Agent Mr Mather, who ſent his letter directed to Mr Symon Bradſtreet Gou^r in which he encouraged them to go cheerefully to ſo acceptable a peece of ſeruice to all Good poeple. Butt how diſadvantageous to ye Crown & deſtructiue already it has proved to this whole Plantation I humbly ſubmitt to y^r Lordſ^ps Conſideration, & in all Duty remaine

Right Honble
your Lordſ^ps moſt humble &
obedient ſeru^t
ED RANDOLPH Secry.

[*Endorſed*] Mr Randall Sept. 5th 1689
to the Comittee
Read at ye Com^tee of Plantations
Febr : 25th 1689.
Concerñ N : England.

[*Addreſſed*] To the Right Honble
the Lords of ye Committee for Trade
& forain Plantations
at Whitehall
humbly preſent.

Mr RANDOLPH TO THE COM^TEE

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 96.

From ye Common Goal in Boſton
Oct^ber 15th 1689.

May it pleaſe y^r Lordſ^ppe

Doubting the ſafe conveyance of my letter of ye 5th Sept. laſt wth papers I ſent to y^r Lordſ^ppe by way of Barbados, I humbly take leaue to incloſe a duplicate thereof & alſo to

repreſent

repreſent to y^r Lordſ^pps that the poeple of this Colony haue with great impatience expected the arivall of their Agent Mr Mather wth a Charter, but 6 months are lapſd, & no Newes of it (tho' the Miniſters aſſured it in 3 weekes after the ſubvertion of ye Gom^t) they diſcouer the fraud & find themſelues deluded, Now therefore they diſown openly the power of the Gom^t & refuſe to pay Rates & Taxes laid vpon them, notw^thſtanding they haue preſumed to iſſue forth their warr^ts for Collecting them in their Maties Names, And inaſmuch as they are diſappointed in their hopes of a Charter, feare of puniſhment for what they haue already done & the dayly expectation of a force from Eng^d diſtracts & putts them vpon taking care how beſt to ſecure them ſelues. Some of the Cheife are deſirous to haue Sr Edm^d Andros & others at liberty, & to manage the Gom^t as formerly: at leaſt vntill their Maties pleaſe to Signify their Commands to him (or to whom elſe they ſhall appoint to that Seruice) for ſetling & re-eſtabliſhing their Royall Authority ouer ye whole Dominion of New Eng^d; they abominate alſo ye Continued hardſhipps putt vpon them, when as ye moſt factious man amongſt them cannot in 6 months tyme ſhew a Reaſon, why any of them ſhould bee impriſoned one Minute: but their will is a law: The plaine truth is (what euer their Agents may pretend to gaine favour at Court) they hold faſt the Antimonarchicall principle ſpred amongſt them by Sr Henry Vane, Hugh Peters, etc: & Venner, who made the Inſurrection in London ſoon after the reſtauration, had his education here alſo. The other Colonyes finding all but a ſham, are too late ſenſible of their haſty reaſſuming their former Gom^ts, & forbeare to act, they onely make uſe of the

Name

Name & ſhew of Authority, to quiett ye poeple, till Newes from Eng^d. The Gom^t here, tyred out with ye Continuall Cryes of ſlaughter & deſtructiō made by the Enemy vpon ye Inhabitants in ſeuerall places, at laſt (by threatning ſome & by faire promiſes to others) gott together a body of 7 or 800 men Engliſh & Indians & ſent them to ſecure the Eaſtern parts of ye Colony: but they haue neither diſcipline nor Officers who know how to Command. On ye 13th. Sept. laſt at Oyſter River in ye Province of New Hampſheire, a fort was taken by ye Enemy 19 Engliſh kild & made Captiues: tho' 200 of their forces were then not far from that fort. On ye 20th. of that Month the Indians intended to attack Caſco in ye Province of Main: but Capt. Church accidentally arriving there with forces droue them off with the loſſe of 8 men kild, & 14 more dyed of their wounds, No chyrurgeon being allowed them. They are all dayly expected home, finding no care is taken to ſupply them with bread & other Neceſſaryes.

The Major of Albany, Aldermen & principall Inhabitants being apprehenſiue that the French from Canada will attempt that place, voted to addreſſe to New York for a ſupply of 10 or 20 Bar^ll^s. of pouder, 300 ſhott, & 200^li^ in money, with ſome men to defend their fronteeres from ye French & their Indians, who had already kild 3 poeple nigh Scanaidade (but 20 miles diſtant from Albany). Jacob Leiſlier (head of ye Rabble at N: York) vpon receite thereof, ſends to M^r. Bradſtreet in Boſton for the like quantity of pouder & ſhott, & in caſe he could not ſpare pouder, one Ton of Saltpeter: vpon a Survey of the Stores here, were found but 8 barr^ll^s. powder in ye publick Store, & about 20 at the

the two fortifications, So that he could ſpare him none. Albany trades with ye fiue Nations of Indians for about 40000^tt^ value a yeare in Beuer & furrs: & are yearely brought from thence to N: Yorke 100000 buſhells of wheat, peaſe & Indian Corn: their cheife dependance for ſecurity is vpon the arrivall of Generall Orders & a Sufficient force from Eng^d^ to take care of the whole dominion, & regaine what is already taken & in the poſſeſſion of ye Enemy. Here is no regard had to ye Acts of trade, or Lawes ag^t^ pyrates: Abraham Fiſher a Scotch Rotterdammer a pyrate, in a ſloop with 40 men from Caroſoe tooke a French ſhip of 16 Gunns & 8 Peteraras, etc: at Newfoundland, & with her tooke another ſhip vpon ye Banks (plundred more) loaden with Salt, fiſh, etc: came a month ago into Salem harbour with his prize: he has ſold his prize & loading to two Merc^ts^ in Salem for 250^tt^ has liberty to trade there & in Boſton, & from 40 has increaſed his Number to 70 men. The French haue lately taken 6 Salem fiſhing ketches off Cape Sables: whilſt the Roſe frigott is ſtill kept as a prize in Boſton harbour, & nothing will oblige them to deliuer to Capt George her ſayles, that he may be in a Condition to ſecure ye Coaſts.

Thus (may it pleaſe y^r^ Lordſ^ps^) the Authority of ye Crown of Eng^d^ & ye peace of this large plantation by the turbulent & vngouernable ſpiritts of a few in this Colony is ſhamefully trampled vpon & Contemnd; euen ſo openly, & to that degree, that they haue thereby plainely vnmaſkd themſelues, & diſcouer to the world, That force is the Onely Argument to convince and oblige them to a dutyfull & intire ſubmiſſion to ye Crown & the Lawes of England, and that

that the Gom^t of this Country be Supported by eaſier Methods.

All which is humbly ſubmitted
by

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Addreſſed*] To the Right Honble
the Lords of the Committee
for Trade & forain
Plantations at
Whitehall
humbly preſent.

[*Endorſed*] N: England
15 Oct: 89.
From Mr Randolph to ye
Comittee.
Rec^d 23: Feb. 1689
Read 25 Feb. 1689.

ABSTRACT OF MR RANDOLPH'S LETTERS.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 448. 8, 25, Oct. 1689.

To Mr Blathwayt 25: Octob^r

The Indians haue taken the Fort at Oyſter River near Exeter, and killed and carryed away Priſoners eighteen Chriſtians, Six or Seaven hundred men are Marcht out againſt them.

The Treaſurer has Iſſued his Warrants to Raiſe a Rate but the people deny their Power. Mr Graves a Iuſtice of Peace and a very Sober man is called before the Councill together with others of Charles Town for a Paper to that purpoſe, They owned the Paper, and being thereupon Order'd to Priſon, they refuſe to go, ſaying the Councill have no Power to ſend them. The Councill and Repreſen-

tatives

tatives are met but dare do nothing with them, The men of Charles Town, and ſeverall Towns thereabouts threatening to pull down the Gaole if they put them in.

Connecticuts are now very inclining to Sr Edmond Andros, and ſay, if they muſt pay any mony, it ſhall be by Orders from him who has a legall Authority.

Agents have been ſent to the Maquas Indians to fall upon our Eaſtern Indians, nine of them are come to Boſton and entertained at the publick Charge. They enquire for Sr Edmond Andros.

The French have ordered their Indians to fall upon us and accordingly they have killd ſome Chriſtians near Schonectade, whereupon the Dutch at Albany have deſired ſome Amunition from New York. They at New York ſend to Broadſtreet, who ſends them word he has not above Sixty Barrels of powder in Store in the whole Government.

At Salem is a Pirat of 24 Gunns 24 Patereros and 75 men, but takes in more dayly from hence, a Dutchman he pretends to be, but has no Commiſſion.

A Veſſell with 148 h^bds of Tabacco is come hither from Maryland (where Bond was given to go directly to England) to ſtop a Leak. The Owners hired out the Maſter becauſe he would proceed on his Voyage and intend to unload it and ſend it abroad.

A Ketch is now gone to Bilbao loaden with Fiſh & Tobacco.

A Ketch lately from Maryland with Tobacco came in here having given Bond there. The Maſter has left her, and another Maſter is gone with her to Holland.

Broadſtreets

Broadſtreets Officers Seized upon a Barrell of Brandy from Newfoundland, the Owner told Broadſtreet if he did not Order the Delivery of it, he would bring a hundred men and put him out of his Governm^t telling him they had put Sr Edmond Andros &c. in priſon for hindring their Trading &c.

They know not how to keep their People in Quiet much longer finding no Charter come as was promiſed. Some are for letting us out, others fear the People will put them in, who were the occaſions of this trouble.

The Governor is treated moſt barbarouſly in a Ground room in the Caſtle very ſmall, no Chimney, every Rain makes a Flood under his bed.

To Mr Povey. 8 : Octob^r

The Governor, Capt Palmer and Mr Graham are kept in a leſs place than the roome next the Parke in Mr Blathwayts houſe. The Governor is not allowed Penn or Ink nor any to ſpeak, but his Keeper or Lievtenant to be in the roome.

To Mr Blathwayt 25 : Octob^r

Sr Edmond Andros is kept in a low damp Roome is very much diſordered and will not be able to bear the cold of the winter. I ſee no remedy, tho' ſome have deſired he may be removed to Boſton and have Offered 20000^li ſecurity for his forthcoming.

We have now certain Advice that the French from Quebeck intend for Albany next January. I hear the Commiſſioners of the three United Colonies are Projecting to ſend a hundred men to Albany, but cannot agree about it.

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The Boſtoners ſay they are at 110li a day Charges, but they know not where to Raiſe the mony, People will not pay one penny in the Country. They made a poor Seſs in Boſton, ſome of the Faction pay, moſt refuſe, but no remedy.

To Capt. Nicholson 25. October.

Mrs Palmer has got leave for her huſband to be removed to Boſton.

The Governor is treated worſe than any of us, kept in a low roome, &c. where they have ſometimes ſix inches of Standing water, and their Shoes pull'd off at night, are all mouldy next morning.

A Dutch pirat from Curaſao, with 40 men, has made up his number here to 70 men, bought ſeverall Barrls of Powder at any price, lyes off ready for the next good Offer, has kept in Fairweather a month already. Capt George cannot have his ſailes to go out and Secure the Coaſt.

Yeſterday arrived an Interloper from Scotland, he pretends he cleared at Whitehaven, But I know the contrary, for he went from hence loaden with Tobacco without giving Bond in July laſt.

He relates that the New-England Charter was paſſed, and in poſſeſſion of Mr Mather, &c. The Government here rejoice exceedingly upon this Report, talk of nothing now but Trying and Executing the Governor, Myſelf, &c.

[*Endorſed*] Abſtract of Mr Randolph letters to . . .

FROM

FROM MR RANDOLPH TO THE BISHP OF LONDON.

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From ye Common Goal in
New Algeires Oct: 25: 89.

My Lord,

By Mr Ratcliffe y^r Lordſ^p had an account of ye Generall Inſurrection of this poeple, occaſioned by the inſtigation of Mr Morton & others of that faction, as alſo the impriſoning Sr Edm^d Andros my ſelfe & ſeuerall of the Councill, with many of ye Inhabitants of this town, for being of ye Communion of ye Church of Eng^d Mr Mathers booke ag^t ye Common Prayer (by Mr Ratcliffe to y^r Lordſ^p) managed by ye Miniſters has perſwaded the poeple that wee were Idolaters & therefore not fitt to be intruſted longer wth ye Gom^t that was One very plauſable Argument to ſett them at worke. By the incloſed Duplicates of my letters ſent to ye Lords of ye Committee for Trade, y^r Lordſ^p will find our State very much Altred, & that thoſe who were made to be ag^t Sr Edm^d Andros, diſcouering ye fraud & finding Nothing but Loſſes in their trade & confuſion & diſorder to follow, are impatient till orders come from England for the ſetlement of the Country, & to putt them in a Condition to defend themſelues from ye french & Indians. I haue this day Certaine adviſe that the french intend to attack Albany in January next, when the Lakes & Rivers betwixt that & Quebeck on ye River of Canada are all frozen. I queſtion not but they will take it, vnleſſe Orders arriue from Eng^d tyme enough to prevent them. I humbly incloſe to y^r Lordſ^p ſome papers which are well liked of by the moderate

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poeple: Copyes of the paper called the prefent ftate of N. Eng^d ftated etc: has been fent to divers of the Minifters, but make little Impreffion vpon them, nor has any one of them offred to anfweare any part of it. Your Lordf^p will do an Act of extraordinary Juftice & favour as well to all thofe who are now vnder clofe Confinem^t as to others alfo who are great Sufferers by this revolt, that after y^r Lordf^p has pleafed to appoint the pervfall thereof with fuch emendations as are neceffary to be made, that it may be directed by Authority to be printed in Eng^d with their libellory Declaration prefix'd, & feuerall Copyes tranfmitted heither & ordred to be diftributed where neceffary. I may not omitt to inclofe to y^r Lordf^p a Sermon preached & publifhed by young Mr Mather, difcouered to be ye Abettor (if not ye Author) of a Scandalous libell difperfd 3 months before the Revolt, which prevented his being proceeded againft for that & ye booke ag^t the Common prayer (at leaft for caufing it to be printed) the Court following. This man (but more openly) with Mr Morton & others of that Gang are very actiue in promoting the practice as well as ye Antimonarchicall principles, & will oppofe all Commands from their Maties which will not ferue their Intereft (but by them called the Intereft of Jefus Chrift). It's now aboue a yeare & halfe ago Since Mr Morton preachd at Charles Town, encouraging his hearers to waite with patience, telling them, That tho' their former Magiftrates were laid afide for a while, 'twould not be long but God would reftore them etc. Their Minifters haue perfwaded them that their Charter Could not be violated, & therefore the vacating it by proceffe at law was altogether an illegall act, & that it ftill continues as valid & firm

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as euer: & that all the lawes made purſuant to that Charter are as binding as at the tyme of their making: that by their Charter they had an abſolute power to Elect once a yeare all their Civill & Military officers, & alſo thereby impowred to reſiſt & withſtand any who ſhould attempt the alteration of it: & from thence they Conclude, That K: James his ſending Sr Edmd Andros with a Commiſſion for ye Gom! of this Country & 100 Souldiers to mann the Caſtle & forts, was an open & hoſtile Invaſion made vpon them & their libertyes, & that they wanted but onely an oppertunity to aſſert their Charter Right by force to deſtroy all who oppoſed them. At the tyme wee were ſeized vpon they told vs wee were priſoners of warr & to this day Continue a Gard of ffoot Souldiers vpon vs, & euery night relieue their Gards & beat the Tattoo as if Boſton were a Garriſon Town. They are ſome tymes for trying vs by a Court Martiall, but would be glad to haue Mr Mather with their freinds returnd with their Charter. The Reſolues of the Repreſentatiues which I alſo incloſe ſhew yr Lordſp that in all this tyme they cannot find anything to charge ag! Sr Edmd Andros myſelfe & others but the breach of their Capitall Law. My Lord this poeple haue quite vnmaſkd themſelues & diſcouerd the whole intregue of their Chriſtian policy: that they are in plain Engliſh an hypocriticall wicked & By-gothed poeple, following their miniſters with a moſt zealous & implicite faith: & now all impartiall Eyes may ſee, that force is the Onely Argument to convince & oblige them to a dutyfull & intire Submiſſion to ye Crown & the lawes of England: & that No man of ye Church of Engd or of any other perſwaſion in matters of Religion different from theirs of the Congregationall

gregationall way can be ſafe: nor can this plantation thriue or be of advantage to England, vntill ſome of the principle promoters & Actors in this Rebellion receiue their meritts. Sr Edmd Andros Commands me when I write for Engd to preſent his humble duty to yr Lordſp he is in danger to be ſtarud this winter with Cold being kept in a very Damp low Room in ye Caſtle without a fire herth: vnleſſe ſhipping ſpeedy arriue from England. Humbly praying for ye Continuance of your Lordſps favour & bleſſing I remaine in all Duty

your Lordſps
moſt humble & moſt
obedient Seruts

EdRandolph.

~~this is by Mr Wallis Mercts a perſon of Creditt who will be able to inform yr Lordſp~~
[*ſic*] perticulery of the Affaires of this place: to whom I humbly referr your Lordſp

to my Lord of London.

[*Addreſſed*] To the Right Honble
& Right Reverend ffather
in God: Henry Lord
Biſhop of London.

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My Lord

The inclofed are ye printed papers mentioned in myne of yefterday to your Lordfhip. Not long fince Major Howard a man of a good eftate declared in his will that he was of ye Communion of the Church of England, & made Collonell Lidgett & M^r. ffoxcroft his Executors, both of Our church & men of very good eftates. He foon after dyed & they had a Graue made in ye Buriing place by our church & intended to bury him there & to haue the Office of the Buriall read (as he had appointed alfo in his will). But his wife, with the advife of M^r. Moode one of our Independent preachers, had a graue made for him at ye North Church Buriing place: & M^r. Moode fent word to the Executors that he would haue men enough ready in the ftreet to fhew them the place of his buriall; & accordingly he was buried as Moode had directed: thus Imperious are the Godly poeple of N: England grown already, who will take vpon them to difpofe of the dead as well as they do of the living. I inclofe to y^r Lordf^p a Copy of ye Warr^t to Our Keeper made halfe a yeare after our Imprifonm^t & his executing that office without either Order or Commiffion for the fame. I humbly obferue, that they keep to their form of words in their printed Declaration "what Juftice fhall be ordred from Our Soverain Lord & Lady K: William & Q: Mary with ye parlm^t of Eng^d" intending thereby that they will not admitt of & acquiefce in their Maties Orders vnleffe they find

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alſo the aſſent of ye Parlm^t which is not to bee imputed to their Ignorance, but intended for a plain Evaſion vnleſſe ſuch orders favour their late proceedings.

Thoſe reſolues incloſed in mine of yeſterday to y^r Lordſ^p Conclude that Sr Edm^d Andros My ſelfe are not Baylable: in this Warr^t to ye Keeper they allow them ſelues a latitude of Judging who ſhall be baylable: for ye Repreſentatiues are part of ye Convention, & nothing is done or approved valid without their Conſent. By theſe idle & impertinent practices your Lordſ^p ſees in what a miſerable condition the Inhabitants of this plantation will be brought to ſhould they haue their Charter ſo much wanted. I am

y^r Lordſ^ps
moſt obedient ſeru^t

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Addreſſed*] To the Right Honble
& Right Reverend ffather
in God: Henry Lord
Biſhop of London.

humbly preſent
by Mr Wallis

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